

## RUMORED THAT KAISER HAS ABDICATED.

(By United Press.)  
Stockholm, Oct. 10.—Rumors are persistent here that the Kaiser has abdicated.

### Americans Smashing Forward.

With American First Army, Oct. 10.—Americans are through Kriemhilde line on front of 6 kilometres nearly 4 miles. They have smashed the last organized German defenses in this region west of the Meuse and are advancing northward with only natural defenses between them and the Belgian frontier. Heavy fighting is under way in the Romagne region where the Germans are rushing reinforcements and concentrating artillery. The enemy is frantically reinforcing the sides of what remains of the Argonne pocket while withdrawing in the center.

### Renewed Attack Laon Region.

Paris, Oct. 10.—Renewal of attack in the Laon region is announced by the French war office.

### Turkey Negotiating for Terms.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Representatives of the new Turkish government are negotiating with the Allies as to terms upon which they may withdraw from the war, it is learned from an authoritative source.

## ALLIES MARCHING ON.

Important German Defense System Between Cambrai and St. Quentin Demolished and Allied Troops Are In Pursuit of the Retreating Enemy—Cambrai Captured.

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

The formidable German defense system between Cambrai and St. Quentin has been utterly demolished and British, American and French troops are out in the open country eastward in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

Cambrai, the pivot point in the former line and over which there has been so much bitter fighting, is in British hands; numerous villages and hamlets to the south have been overrun by the Allies and thousands of Germans have been made prisoner and hundreds of their guns captured.

The victory seemingly is a complete one and with General Foch's strategy working smoothly in bending back the German line in one great converging movement, the Germans apparently are in a serious predicament.

From the region northwest of Rheims to the Meuse river north of Verdun, the French and Americans are slowly but surely pushing the Germans backward toward the Belgian border.

In Macedonia and Asiatic Turkey the troops of the Entente still have the enemy on the run. Nowhere is the enemy able to do more than fight retarding battles, giving ground when the pressure becomes too strong.

Under the avalanche of steel hurled against them on the Cambrai-St. Quentin sectors the Germans could not live and were forced to flee eastward. Heavy casualties were inflicted on those of the enemy who had the temerity to endeavor to make a stand. On the other hand the casualties of the Allies are declared to have been relatively small, those of the Americans being less than half of the number of prisoners taken by them.

Where the enemy purposed to make his next stand cannot be foretold but probably an effort for a turnaround will be attempted along the Valenciennes-Sedan front. After this line the only known German defensive position west of the Rhine is the Meuse river. The Americans already are threatening to make this line untenable, having started an advance up the valley on the eastern side of the stream toward Sedan.

The maneuvers of the French northwest of Rheims are cutting more deeply into the German line, despite the serious resistance that is being offered by the enemy to postpone the fall of the great St. Gobain massif and the highly important strategic positions of Laon and LaFere which seemingly are likely to be pinched out of the battle front by the successful operations around St. Quentin and Berry-Au-Bac. Strong resistance also is being imposed by the Germans against further advances by the French and Americans in Champagne and east of the Argonne forest. Particularly heavy counter-attacks have been launched by the enemy on various positions, but without results other than increasing his casualties. Along the Suippe river the fighting is furious, but the French have been able to make further crossings of the stream. St. Etienne has changed hands several times in bitter combats.

West of the Argonne forest the Americans have driven their line forward to the region of Cornay on the Aire river, where they have effected a junction with the French troops and seemingly the Argonne forest soon will be in Allied hands. On the eastern side of the Meuse the Americans have advanced and taken several small villages and also straightened out their line which was being enfiladed by the German guns from the east.

Reports persist that the Turkish cabinet has fallen and that the new grand vizier will be Tewfik Pasha, whose sympathies are declared to be pro-Ally rather than pro-German. Rumor has it that the Turks have despatched a peace note to the Allies through the Spanish government.

## DOOR TO PEACE OPEN.

President Meets Germany's Peace Note With a Master Stroke—No Cessation of Arms Until Germans Get Off of Invaded Soil.

President Wilson has met Germany's peace note with a move which will, at one stroke, develop whether her proposal is sincere or merely a pretension, and if a pretension it be, fully justify for all time before the world the prolonging of the war with force to the utmost, force without stint or limit. At the same time the President has left wide open the door to peace.

Declining to propose an armistice while the armies of the Central Powers remain on invaded soil, the President today called on the German chancellor to state as an absolutely necessary preliminary to a reply from the Entente Allies and the United States, whether Germany accepts the principles of peace as repeatedly laid down, or merely proposes to accept them "as the basis of negotiation" and whether the chancellor merely speaks for the German military masters conducting the war or the whole German people.

As the full significance of the President's diplomacy is disclosed it becomes evident that he has left open the way to peace and at the same time left the military leaders of the Central Powers with a question they must necessarily answer in a way that will lead to peace or confront them with a most embarrassing situation in their own countries. Among diplomats in Washington the President's communication is regarded as one of his master strokes. It is pointed out that upon cursory examination it may not show such strong terms as some may have desired. All the President's advisers, however, are confident that as a close consideration reveals its full import will be apparent that it is a long step forward if Germany really means peace, and that if she does not it will strip bare another hypocrisy of German diplomacy so completely that the responsibility for prolonging the war never can be charged to the Allies, even by the German people themselves.

The text of the President's communication, made public Tuesday by Secretary Lansing, follows:

"From the Secretary of State to the charge d'affaires of Switzerland: "Department of State, October 8, 1918.

"Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge on behalf of the President, your note of October 6th, enclosing the communication from the German government to the President; and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the imperial German chancellor:

"Before making reply to the request of the imperial German government and in order that the reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved require, the President of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the imperial chancellor. Does the imperial chancellor mean that the imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?"

"The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated against the Central Powers so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the Central Powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The President also feels that he is justified in asking whether the imperial chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

"ROBERT LANSING."

"Mr. Frederick Oederlin, charge d'affaires of Switzerland, ad interim in charge of German interests in the United States."

## WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Colored Soldier Victim of Influenza.

Arthur Rozier, colored, son of Giles Rozier of R. 1 from Lumberton, died of influenza at Camp Greene, Charlotte this morning. He was in training there.

Mr. Alva Ivey Died at Training Camp.

Mr. J. W. Ivey of the Barnesville section has been advised of the death of his son, Mr. Alva Ivey, in a training camp. Death resulted from influenza.

Mr. Ira C. Baxley Wounded Severely.

Among overseas casualties reported elsewhere in this issue appears the name of Mr. Ira C. Baxley of R. 3, Fairmont, who has been wounded severely.

## OF WHAT BRAND IS YOUR PATRIOTISM?

Bond Campaign is Not Making Progress It Should—Workers Needed—House-to-House Canvass Must Be Made.

To the Public:

If a man will not buy his fair share of bonds now that victory seems within our grasp, what could be expected of that man if defeat should stare us in the face? Flag-waving and cheering is all right in its place, but the only brand of patriotism that gets us anywhere is the willingness to do one's full part in buying bonds and then assist in selling the public. The bond campaign is not making the progress it should for lack of workers—men to make a house to house canvass—men to be made if we do our share. Yet only a short time remains.

Subscriptions of \$50 are being made by men who should subscribe \$500. We fail to recognize the fact that in this loan we are asked for four times as much as ever before, and that to raise our quota we must subscribe for four times as much as ever before. It is surprising what some people conceive their duty. One man reported to me as a slacker, indignantly denied the charge, saying he had bought a bond—one \$50 bond! Men of prominence and large property interest content themselves with buying a few hundred dollars worth and are then surprised to find themselves put in the slacker class. To do one's duty in this emergency is to buy to the limit of ability in accordance with one's property interest. Nothing less can be counted.

The President and Governor have proclaimed October 12th as "Liberty day" when business throughout the country will cease and a nation wide effort be made for the success of the campaign. That day being Saturday, it has seemed wise to the local authorities to let each community in Robeson observe its own day. Many have selected Friday, the 11th. In the Lumberton district, Tuesday, October 15th, will be observed, and on that day the wheels of industry will cease. Workers for that day are urgently needed. I earnestly appeal to every man who has the interest of his country at heart and who is willing to devote that one day to its service in going with others to make a canvass of the country districts, to at once give his name to either Chairman A. E. White or to Secretary R. H. Crichton. Automobiles will be badly needed to convey the workers on their routes, and the owners of machines who can furnish a machine with driver for that day will be of great service if they will dedicate their machines for that day to the service of their country and notify the above named gentlemen of the fact.

But one more week remains. As public gatherings have been prohibited, the last resort is a house-to-house canvass in all districts. Unless this is done, we fail. Many have suggested the extension of the campaign beyond October 19th. This is utterly impossible. This campaign is nation-wide and local conditions have nothing to do with it. No subscription that is not in the hands of some bank, with the required 10 per cent in cash, can or will be counted. The situation is serious. We cannot, we must not, fail. Yet we will fail unless our people wake up to the seriousness of the situation and get to work.

R. C. LAWRENCE,  
County Chairman.

## MISS CASSIDY RESIGNS.

She Has Done Splendid Work as Home Demonstration Agent in Robeson—Accepts City Work in Asheville on Account of Her Health—Miss Flax Andrews of Mt. Gilead Succeeds Her.

Miss Lulu M. Cassidey, home demonstration agent in Robeson for the last year, tendered her resignation to the board of county commissioners Monday. Her resignation was accepted and she will be succeeded by Miss Flax Andrews of Mt. Gilead. Miss Andrews is expected to arrive here the first of next week to begin her work. Miss Andrews has had four years training in home economics, the last two years at Columbia university, New York.

Miss Cassidey will remain here until October 25 and work with the new demonstrator, after which she will go to Asheville, where she will do demonstration work in the city.

Miss Cassidey is not leaving Robeson because she wanted to make a change, but on account of her health. She has done a great work in Robeson during the time she has been here. She organized clubs in twenty towns and communities and 500 women and girls are enrolled in these clubs. Asheville is indeed lucky to secure the services of Miss Cassidey.

## Examining Sept. 12 Registrants.

The task of examining those in Robeson district No. 1 who registered for military duty September 12 and who have been placed in class 1 by the board was begun today. Twenty-five will be called each day until all citation cards have not yet been mailed because of the fact that the order numbers have not been received.

## 3 Volunteers Wanted for Training as Auto Mechanics.

The local army exemption board has received a call from the War Department for three men to go to the university of Virginia October 15. They will train for auto mechanics and volunteers will be accepted.

## Wheat Crop Estimate 918,920,000 Bushels.

This year's wheat crop will be 918,920,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday in its preliminary estimate of production. Winter wheat production is 553,725,000 bushels and spring wheat production 363,195,000 bushels.

## Calls for Registrants.

The local army exemption board has received from the War Department a call for 15 white registrants to entrain for Fort Caswell between the dates of October 21 and 25. The board also has a call for 15 colored registrants to entrain for Camp Greene, Charlotte, October 16.

## Barbecue Dinner Abandoned.

On account of the influenza conditions the Ten Mile local of the Farmers' Union will not serve a barbecue dinner Saturday of this week, as had been planned.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Ernest Williams of Maxton.

The remains of Mrs. Ernest Williams reached Maxton Monday from Richmond, Va., to which city she was taken about 6 weeks ago after an illness of 4 months. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. McNair. Her husband, mother and sister, Miss Elizabeth McNair, were with her at the time of her death. She was a popular young woman, active in the religious work of the Presbyterian church.

Funeral of Mr. O. W. Williams.

The funeral of Mr. O. W. Williams, whose death was recorded in Monday's Robesonian, was conducted at the grave Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Mr. Frank Pittman of East Lumberton.

Mr. Frank Pittman died yesterday morning at his home in East Lumberton of influenza. Deceased was 45 years old and is survived by his wife and six children.

Mr. Troy Sanderson of East Lumberton.

Mr. Troy Sanderson, aged 18 years, died at his home in East Lumberton yesterday morning. Death resulted from influenza.

Mr. Atlas Britt of Mt. Elim.

Mr. Atlas Britt, an aged citizen of the Mt. Elim section, died at his home yesterday morning of influenza. Deceased is survived by his wife and a number of children. He was a member of Mt. Elim Baptist church.

Mr. Burtis Byrd of East Lumberton.

Mr. Burtis Byrd died at his home in East Lumberton Monday. Deceased is survived by his wife and one child. He was 32 years old and death resulted from influenza.

Miss Bettie Jane Britt of East Lumberton.

Miss Bettie Jane Britt, aged 74 years, died at her home in East Lumberton Tuesday of influenza. Interment was made in the family burying ground yesterday.

David Lee Fine of Maxton.

David Lee Fine, son of Moses Fine of Maxton, died Sunday in a hospital in Baltimore. For some months he had been connected with Government work at Aberdeen, Md.

A Syrian of Maxton Victim of Influenza.

N. Abeyounis, a Syrian who for the past 2 years had lived at Maxton in the mercantile business, died Monday of pneumonia, following influenza.

Mr. David J. McNeill of St. Pauls.

Red Springs Citizen: Mr. David J. McNeill, living near St. Pauls, a brother of Mr. N. McNeill, of our town, died this (Friday) afternoon. He came home feeling unwell, and lay down upon the bed. About 7 o'clock a member of the family went to his bedside and found him dead. Deceased was 69 years old and leaves a wife and seven children, four boys and three girls.

## OCTOBER 15TH HOLIDAY.

Business Houses of Lumberton Will Close Tuesday of Next Week and Day Will Be Devoted to Liberty Bond Campaign.

Tuesday of next week, October 15th, will be observed as holiday in Lumberton. Business houses will be closed on that day and the day will be devoted to a strenuous campaign to sell Liberty bonds.

Saturday of this week has been set aside as Liberty Bond day and will be observed in many places as a holiday, but Mr. A. E. White, chairman of the Liberty Bond committee for Lumberton township, and those associated with him, think that in this section it will be better, and give better results, to observe some other day in the week.

While business houses will be closed and the 15th will be a holiday in so far as ordinary business is concerned, those who will be released from their ordinary round of duties are expected to devote the entire day to selling Liberty bonds. The campaign for the fourth Liberty Bond sale is drawing rapidly to a close and there is work ahead in order to put Robeson county "over the top." It can be done and must be done. And to that end every one should devote as much time as possible to selling Liberty bonds—not forgetting to buy as many as they can themselves.

—Mr. R. C. Lawrence returned this morning from Norfolk, Va., where he spent yesterday on business. He says people are dying there like flies from influenza. There were 72 deaths there at the naval hospital yesterday. It is so common to see people on the streets wearing protective masks that those who wear them attract no attention whatever.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—Good cotton is selling on the local market today for 29 1-2 cents the pound.

—The regular meeting of the Lumberton Research Club will not be held on account of the influenza epidemic.

—On account of the quarantine resulting from the influenza conditions Dr. W. A. McPhaul has called off the meeting of midwives which was to have been held here October 15.

—The examination for public school teachers which had been called for Tuesday and yesterday was not held on account of the quarantine resulting from influenza conditions.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlyle returned Tuesday night from Asheville, where they spent the summer. They are keeping house in the Carlyle residence, North Elm street.

—Mr. F. L. Parnell of R. 1 from Buie was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Parnell came in and renewed his subscription to The Robesonian. He says he just cannot get along without his county paper—The Robesonian.

—According to the reports sent out from headquarters, the local exemption board made a splendid record in classifying those who registered for military duty September 12. But very few boards in the State have surpassed the board here.

—Mr. Elias Collins of R. 1 from Orrum was among the callers at The Robesonian office yesterday. Mr. Collins came in to renew his subscription to The Robesonian. He says while he takes a daily paper he cannot afford to be without his county paper.

—Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, left yesterday for Chatham county, where he will spend a short time visiting relatives before going on to Bowling Green, Ky., to the First Baptist church of which place he has accepted a call.

—The W. J. Prevatt farm, three miles from Lumberton on the Charlotte-Wilmington highway, was sold at auction yesterday by Murphy Brothers, real estate dealers of Lumberton. There are 310 acres in the tract and it was sub-divided into small farms. The sale was very successful. Mr. R. W. Wallace of R. 2 from Fairmont bought 90 acres of the land.

## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

Business Transacted at Monthly Meeting of County Commissioners.

The following business was transacted by the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting Monday:

Marion Lamb was ordered exempt from public duty on account of bad health.

The regular pauper list was ordered paid and the monthly allowance of Mary Lovett was increased to \$5 the month.

It was ordered that F. A. Bracy, public cotton weigher at Rowland, be allowed 10 cents the bale for weighing instead of 8, as heretofore, in order that he be able to employ a helper.

The monthly report of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, was ordered filed.

Cathrine Willoughby was ordered admitted to the county home.

On account of the illness of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd, clerk of the board, it was impossible to get for this issue a report of the bills ordered paid by the board.

## Jurors for November Court.

The following were drawn by the board of county commissioners Monday to serve as jurors at the week's term of criminal court to convene Monday, November 4:

Atlas Davis, J. A. Clewis, A. C. Thompson, J. M. Hill, W. E. Garnett, J. H. Hodges, A. A. West, Z. H. Duncan, Charley Page, W. A. Stone, J. T. Odum, Daniel Page, R. D. Townsend, Ira Bass, J. L. Stephens, A. B. Hedgepeth, W. J. Barker, Taylor Benson, W. J. Powers, J. H. McNeill, Henry Ivey, Sam Dunie, Hardy Lewis, D. C. Lowe, R. L. Owens, H. C. Flowers, A. H. Holder, H. H. Stanley, N. W. Jenkins, Monroe Spivey, J. D. McEachern, Pete Wilson, A. L. Broadway, G. D. Smith, Luther Bracy, J. I. Townsend, J. G. Little, C. A. Grooms, C. P. McAllister, J. R. Her-ring, D. T. Rozier, R. M. Davis.

## Report From Red Cross Chapters Wanted.

All Red Cross chapters in Robeson are urged to report to the undersigned at once how much material of all kinds (not including ready-made garments) they have on hand. This report must be sent to divisional headquarters.

MRS. A. NASH,  
Director Woman's Work for Robeson,  
Lumberton, N. C.

## 1,480 Americans Are Prisoners in Germany.

Members of the American expeditionary forces who have been identified as prisoners of war in Germany numbered 1,480 on October 5, said an announcement Monday from the office of the adjutant general of the army. In addition, 221 civilians interned in Germany have been identified, as have 61 sailors held in Constantinople.

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