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## AMERICAN FORCES CONTINUE THEIR PRESSURE

(By the United Press)

Washington, Oct. 21.—American forces north of Verdun continued Sunday their pressure against pivotal point upon which the German retreat is swinging, it was reported by Gen. Pershing today.

President Wilson has recommended for promotion to rank of Lieut. General Robt. L. Bullard and Liggett, major generals commanding first and second American field armies in France. (Gen. Bullard is the son of a native of Robeson county.)

### Line Is Quiet Today.

With the American First Army (noon) Oct. 21.—German prisoners state that Germany had made arrangements to evacuate France before the peace note was sent to President Wilson. These prisoners remarked that Americans have the worst blood-letting sector on the entire line and that every foot of ground will be disputed until the German retirement from the sea region is completed. The line is quiet today.

### British Troops Advancing.

London, Oct. 21.—British troops are approaching St. Amand, 8 miles northwest of Valenciennes. Field Marshal Haig reports today, contact with the enemy being maintained. British also are nearing the line of the Schelde river, Belgium, north of Tournai.

## NORTHERN BELGIUM IS BEING CLEARED OF ENEMY

### Victory Crowns Allied Arms on Every

### Battle Front—Germany is Said to

### Abandon U-Boat Warfare in Reply

### to President.

The Associated Press this morning says that Germany's reply to President Wilson has been handed to the Swiss minister at Berlin for transmission to the United States, according to unofficial advice to Amsterdam from German sources. In the reply Germany expresses willingness to evacuate Belgium but believes such a withdrawal would necessarily take several months.

It is added that the German government is prepared provisionally to abandon its U-boat campaign. A Madrid dispatch says Germany has notified officially the Spanish government that the German admiralty has recalled all submarines to their bases.

A London dispatch states that in the note Germany protests against the charges of cruelty in the President's note and says she was forced into submarine warfare by the Allied blockade.

The German government, it is added, denies responsibility for the loss of women and children on torpedoed passenger ships, but to advance peace Germany is prepared provisionally to stop unrestricted submarine warfare.

Finally the note disputes the right of foreign powers to meddle with German internal affairs and declares Germany should enjoy the same right of self-determination as other nations.

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

Victory crowns the Allied arms on every battle front. Northern Belgium is being rapidly cleared of the enemy by British and Belgian troops. Belgians have occupied Zeebrugge and Heyst, have crossed the Ghent-Bruges canal and on their left have reached the Dutch frontier where 15,000 Germans, cut off from their retreat by the advance northward from Eecloo, are reported to have withdrawn into Holland where they were interned.

Ghent, it is predicted from British headquarters, will fall at an early date and the French, by a swift stroke along an extended line have put their forces within two miles of Tournai. Thiel is in the hands of the French, despite stubborn enemy resistance as well as the high ground round about.

British troops have crossed the Selle river, have re-conquered Solesmes and have had hard fighting not only in the section around that town but at St. Python to the east. Here the British have captured more than 2,000 prisoners.

Since the beginning of operations in Flanders the Allies have made an advance of more than 30 miles over a 36-mile front clearing all of western Flanders as well as the coast of the enemy.

Fighting desperately to hold their positions to the north and south of LaCateau the Germans on a front of 40 miles have massed nearly half a million men. Their line is vital to the success of the Allied arms which are steadily pushing the enemy back and breaking through at strategic points.

The British third army is smashing its way forward to the south of Valenciennes. Success so far has attended this effort and the turning of this line will prove a source of great danger to vast masses of German troops holding the territory to the north and south.

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## ROBESON OVERSUBSCRIBED.

### Allotment of Fourth Liberty Loan

### Exceeded by Every District of the

### County—Woman's Committee Rais-

### ed \$197,500.

### To the Public:

I have not yet received final and exact figures from all the banks, but the following figures approximately correct. If there is any error it is on the conservative side:

Fairmont district—allotment, \$45,100; subscribed, \$63,000.

Maxton district—allotment, \$111,700; subscribed, \$136,750.

McDonald district—allotment, \$10,200; subscribed, \$12,100.

Parkton district—allotment, \$22,300; subscribed, \$23,750.

Pembroke district—allotment, \$10,000; subscribed, \$22,500.

Proctorville district—allotment, \$6,400; subscribed, \$16,500.

Red Springs district—allotment, \$62,000; subscribed, \$100,000.

Rowland district—allotment, \$64,600; subscribed, \$90,100.

St. Pauls district—allotment, \$27,000; subscribed, \$70,250.

Lumberton district—National Bank of Lumberton—allotment, \$125,800; subscribed, \$250,000. First National Bank—allotment, \$82,800; subscribed, \$91,400. Planters Bank & Trust Co.—allotment \$35,600; subscribed, \$70,100.

Total allotment, \$603,500; subscribed \$946,450.

St. Pauls district leads the list, having raised nearly three times its allotment, and that without any help from the St. Pauls Cotton Mill. St. Pauls is followed very closely by Proctorville, while Pembroke raised more than twice its allotment. The National Bank of Lumberton and the Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Lumberton each raised approximately twice its allotment.

Although of course there are many exceptions, some deductions can be made: The Indians supported the loan better than any other race, according to their ability; the colored people came next; and the whites come last. As a general rule men and women of small financial ability did far more than the substantial and so-called prominent citizens. When the final results are published, our people will be surprised at the pitifully small amounts subscribed by prominent and wealthy citizens of this county. If men of wealth as a rule had done their part we would have raised far more than we did.

The woman's committee, led by its chairman, Mrs. L. T. Townsend, rendered noble and effective service. The results obtained during the campaign are largely due to her efforts and she should have the credit thereof. We could not have done what we did without her. Two ladies of her Lumberton committee—Misses Pearl Howard and Mattie Ammons—personally sold over \$40,000 worth of bonds. This is a record I venture to say cannot be equalled in North Carolina. Miss Howard is a sister of the Messrs. Howard who rendered such effective and efficient assistance to the committee at St. Pauls.

Just as soon as I can hear from the district committees suitable, acknowledgment of thanks will be made to those due thanks for service during the campaign. Also, just as soon as the data can be received and compiled, full lists will be published giving the name of each subscriber and the amount subscribed; and also the names of those who did not subscribe. The slackers will be singled out of each list.

### R. C. LAWRENCE,

### County Chairman.

## Women's Committee Raised \$197,500.

The woman's committee of Robeson secured subscriptions amounting to \$197,500, according to reports so far received by Mrs. Townsend, but all reports are not in yet.

### INFLUENZA IN ROBESON.

### About 25 Deaths From the "Flu" in

### Robeson Last Week and Around

### 1,000 New Cases.

As near as can be estimated from reports received at the office of County Health Officer W. A. McPhaul, there were about 25 deaths in Robeson from influenza last week and around 1,000 new cases of the disease.

Dr. McPhaul has been confined at his home since Friday with influenza. His condition is thought to be somewhat improved today.

—Mr. Rodney Prescott of Aurora has accepted a position in Mr. John T. Biggs' department store.

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## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

### Mr. Jesse H. Hayes, Rowland.

Mr. Jesse O. Hayes of the Rowland section died at the Thompson hospital last night. Deceased had been sick for some time with cancer of the throat.

### F. M. Page of Gaddysville.

Mr. F. M. Page died Friday night at his home in the Gaddysville section, below Fairmont, of influenza pneumonia. Mrs. Page, who is a niece of Mr. G. E. Rancke of Lumberton, is reported critically ill of the same disease. Six children of this family are sick with influenza, also Mrs. J. W. Burns and six of her children, in the same neighborhood.

### Mrs. J. L. Bryant.

Mrs. J. L. Bryant, aged about 20 years, died at her home, East Fourth street, yesterday at 2 a. m. of influenza pneumonia. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near Rowland, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

### Mrs. Mary Strickland Near

### Barnesville.

Mrs. Mary Strickland, aged about 60 years, died Saturday night at her home near Barnesville of influenza pneumonia yesterday.

### Mrs. N. J. Page of White Pond.

### Correspondence of The Robesonian.

White Pond, Oct. 19.—Mrs. N. J. Page died at her home near White Pond church Friday about 3 a. m. of influenza and complications. Deceased was about 47 years old and is survived by her husband and several children. Interment was made in the family burying ground at White Pond church.

### Mr. Wade H. Smith

Mr. Wade H. Smith, aged 39 years, died at the Thompson hospital Friday evening at 7 o'clock of influenza pneumonia. Deceased lived with his father, Mr. J. W. Smith, about two miles east of Lumberton. Interment was made in the family burying ground yesterday afternoon.

### Mr. D. Berry Watts

Mr. D. Berry Watts died at his home at the National cotton mill village Friday night of influenza pneumonia.

### 3 Children of Nona Blount, Color-

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Nona Blount, colored, who lives across the river from town, lost two children Friday and one Saturday of influenza pneumonia.

Mrs. John H. Britt of R. 1, Orrum died Friday of influenza pneumonia. She had been sick several days with the dread disease.

Wife of Frank Clark, colored. The wife of Frank Clark, colored, who lives in the southern part of town, died Friday of influenza.

Mr. Geo. Lawson Died of Pneumonia at Camp Hancock.

Mr. Stephen Lawson of R. 1, Orrum, was advised Friday of the death of his son Mr. George Lawson, at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. Death resulted from pneumonia. Deceased had been in the army about two months. The remains were sent home for burial at the request of his father.

Mrs. Joe Walters, Barnesville.

Mrs. Joe Walters died at her home near Barnesville Friday night. She is said to have been between 60 and 70 years old. Her husband and several sons and daughters survive.

Miss Mary Barnes, Barnesville.

Miss Mary Barnes died of influenza at her home near Barnesville Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. Barefoot of Howellsville.

Mrs. H. C. Barefoot, aged about 22 years, died of childbirth at her home in Howellsville township this morning. Interment will be made at Ten Mile church tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Mr. John Edens of Rowland.

Mr. John Edens died at his home at Rowland Thursday. Deceased was sick with influenza, but was not considered seriously ill. He complained of feeling bad and lay down. A short time later somebody about the house discovered that he was dead. It is thought death resulted from heart failure. Deceased was about 35 years old and is survived by two children.

Miss Lillie Rozier of Rozier's Siding.

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## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

### Influenza Conditions Improved—Mar-

### vin Odum Gives Life for His Coun-

### try—Personal and Other Items.

### Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Oct. 18.—Today was the only special effort for the fourth Liberty bond drive for our township, and we were advised tonight that our township was most to the top, but not over. We believe it will leap over the top yet. Sickness is one of the reasons that no more has been done. Our leading citizens are taking onto this situation and as a full account will appear later we trust to show over the top.

Since our last letter to The Robesonian several more new cases of influenza to report, but we are thankful that none of the whites have died thus far, and but few colored from the country or neighborhood. We can report all the sick improving.

Since our faithful Dr. D. S. Currie was taken sick, we were supplied with a splendid young Dr. Parsons of Charlotte, and he advised us tonight that all were doing very well, and that he thought the outlook was very encouraging.

While we feel fortunate that none thus far of our number have died, yet we regret to report the sad death of a number of our friends at other places a few of which we mention:

Mr. Rob. Tolar of Wilmington, brother of our townsmen, Mr. M. R. Tolar; Mrs. Lela Ivey Bullard of Wilmington; Mr. Clarence Blue of Fayetteville; F. D. 3. We greatly sympathize with the sorrowing ones.

In our town, like all others of the country, all churches and Sunday school, and day school have suspended temporarily.

Mr. E. V. Johnson left Tuesday for Charlottesville, Va., to enter training in the special branch of mechanical training for Uncle Sam. We all miss him much, as he was one of our best business young men, and it is with much regret we part. He leaves with the best wishes of his many friends.

The store of our town will close at 7 p. m. since the "flu" has been raging.

The farmers are greatly hampered for failing to get market for their cotton seed, but they should not worry, as not many years past they all hauled their seed home. Cotton seed make a splendid fertilizer for wheat and every farmer should use his cotton seed to that extent.

Mr. A. M. Culbreth formerly of our town but now of Tarver, Ga., sends \$2 for The Robesonian, says it is like getting a letter from home.

We report the following new babies since our last writing: Born, to Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness, on Saturday a week ago, a fine boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis, on Tuesday, a 9-pound boy.

Another one of our boys gave his life for his country when Marvin Odum was killed in the trenches in France September 12. He was a true and consistent member of the M. E. church of our town. This is the second golden star in that beautiful service flag that is seen at the M. E. church. G. L. Marsh of our town being the first. Marvin was a good boy and was especially liked by all. He was of a splendid disposition and had been in our home a number of times and took supper with us the night he left home for Ohio, and frankly talked of how they would whip the Germans and would then return home, etc. It is sad indeed to know we will never see him again in this world. We sincerely sympathize with his loved ones.

Following is a true statement of a porter of the McNeill hotel:

"That New Doctor."

"Never slept a wink last night, was making calls all night, and ma and pa never slept any for answering phone calls, and I never slept any for Neill kicked me all night."—Phillip.

BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED BY 25 MILLION PEOPLE.

Subscription of 4th Liberty Loan Seems Assured—Probably 25 Million or More People Bought Bonds.

Subscription of the fourth Liberty loan seemed assured at the close of the 3 weeks campaign Saturday night. How far the total will run above the six billion dollar goal officials have not estimated. Probably 25,000,000 or more people bought bonds, according to unofficial reports reaching Washington yesterday, showing a large proportion of these filed their subscriptions during the last few days of the campaign. It will be a task of many days to actually count the number of pledges and to compile reports from the entire country.

Mr. Jos. G. Brown of Raleigh, chairman of the State central committee, in a statement issued Saturday night said that North Carolina had oversubscribed her allotment. The State's allotment was \$89,900,000, and incomplete returns show subscriptions in excess of \$41,000,000.

Cotton Market.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 29 1-4 cents the pound; strict middling, 29 1-2 cents.

ample of a Christian, as she possessed those Christ-like qualities in her every day life. She leaves a father and mother, three brothers, and six sisters, besides a host of friends to mourn her loss.

## BELGIANS WILD WITH JOY

### Population of Lille Celebrated

### Throughout Night—Soldiers Smothered With Kisses.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The speed with which the German armies are retreating from Belgium and northern France makes it appear that they are twice as anxious to get out now as they were to get in four years ago. The country, freed from the Huns, today is wild with joy.

In Lille the population celebrated throughout the night, shooting off fireworks and dancing in the streets, while whole streams of old and young women and elderly men paraded around arm in arm singing the Marseillaise. The soldiers and officials photographers were smothered with kisses and babies by the score were held up to be kissed by the British soldiers.

Every street in the city, which shows no outward signs of war, was bedecked with the colors of the allies, especially the British union jack, on which was written: "Glory to our liberators." The citizens explained that they had kept the flags well hidden in their houses especially for this occasion for which they had been waiting four years and were certain would come sooner or later.

Flowers plucked from nearby fields and roses from gardens were thrown into automobiles and pressed upon every man wearing the British uniform. The fighting British troops did not sweep through the city but passed on either side of it in hot pursuit of the Germans, the last of whom cleared out at 6 o'clock yesterday morning after blowing up the bridge on the other side of the town. This was a useless proceeding because the British troops did not need them. They went outside the city because they had no desire to give the Germans the slightest excuse for bombarding it after they were forced to leave.

Scenes similar to those in Lille were repeated everywhere over the vast stretches of territory wrested from the Germans. All the roads in the rear now contain the familiar carts of refugees on which are the usual household goods and babies. But these wagons looked strange. The men, women and children with a hurry to get back to their homes. The last time they traveled these roads they were going in the other direction, fleeing in terror from the enemy.

Many of these refugees, living in a zone scared by war, will not find their homes at all. Some of them will find only wrecked and fire-scarred skeletons. But there are many more who will find their homes intact, for the allied armies almost everywhere on the front have been long "in the blue" where there has been no war since the Germans swept through so rapidly four years ago.

"FLU" AT ABBOTTSBURG.

Not Many Families Escaped—Deaths Situation.

Clarkton Rose Nobly to the Situation.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Abbottsburg, Oct. 18.—Our sick folks are nearly all up and gaining after so many being so sick with influenza. There are but few families that escaped. Dr. Strickland, who was called to help Dr. Clark, left for his home last week.

Mrs. George Smith of this place died of pneumonia in Wilmington and was buried here yesterday. She leaves a husband and several children.

Mrs. John Hall died of that dreadful disease influenza last week and seven colored people died at this place.

Mr. Ben Edwards of St. Pauls was brought down one day this week, died of pneumonia.

Clarkton did a noble deed when it turned its school building into a hospital and got two trained nurses to take care of the sick.

One of the saddest homes was that of Mrs. Leney Owen. She and two sons died within a week's time, and one son very sick yet and two boys in France.

Mr. W. J. McEwen was one of the sickest down our way, but is up. We are very dry down this way but it looks like rain today. Had a little frost this week.

St. Pauls 100 Per Cent Patriotic.

St. Pauls Messenger.

St. Pauls has gone way over the top, with subscriptions to the 4th Liberty loan bonds. It has been said heretofore that we go over the top, by the aid of the cotton mills and other corporations, but this time it is raised by individual subscriptions, and not one dollar has been subscribed by any cotton mill or corporation.

St. Pauls is proud to assure the boys on the fighting line that every time the call comes, the boys here will self 100 per cent patriotic.

Robeson Baptist Association Postponed.

The meeting of the Robeson Baptist association, which was to have been held October 30 and 31 at Parkton, has been postponed indefinitely, subject to the call of the executive committee.

Mrs. Mary Ward of Barnesville was in town Friday.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS