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ITALIAN TROOPS PASS FIRST AUSTRIAN LINES

(By United Press.)

Rome, Nov. 4.—Italian troops have passed first Austrian lines on 50-mile front along the western wing of the battle line, the war office announces.

BRITISH OPEN NEW ATTACK

(By United Press.)

London, Nov. 4.—The British opened a new attack on the side of the front south of the Scheldt this morning. Field Marshal Haig announced today. The attack was reported to have been launched successfully. French and American troops established bridgeheads across the Scheldt at Wollen, northeast of Audenard, Field Marshal Haig announces in a special Belgian communique.

OVER 16,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

(By United Press.)

London, Nov. 4.—The tenth army, with which Americans are brigaded, has taken over 16,000 prisoners, the British war office announces, from an Italian communique.

GERMANY FIGHTS ALONE

Austria-Hungary is out of the war—Germany is deserted by her last ally—Only defeat or abject surrender remains for Germany.

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

Austria-Hungary is out of the war. Deserted by her last ally, Germany fights alone a battle which means ultimate defeat or abject surrender. After days of pleading, an armistice has been granted Austria-Hungary, whose badly defeated armies in the Italian theatre are staggering homeward under the violence of the blows of the entente troops.

Trent, in the Austrian Tyrol, which the Italians always have claimed as their own, has been captured by them; Trieste, Austria's municipal seaport on the Adriatic over which there has been such bitter fighting, now flies the Italian flag; and Belgrade, capital of Serbia, has been re-occupied by the Serbians.

In France and Belgium the Germans are being sorely harassed by the British, French, Americans and Belgians and there are indications that a debacle is about to occur.

The Argonne massif, which has proved a great obstacle to the advance of the French and Americans, at last has been cleared of the enemy and the entire line appears to be crumbling. American airmen report that the enemy in front of the Americans are retreating northward, that the roads are densely packed with troops, artillery and transport.

Likewise southeast of Valenciennes the Germans are retreating before the British, who are in close pursuit and taking numerous prisoners. North of the Aisne in Champagne the French continue their pressure and have taken several important villages, large numbers of prisoners and great quantities of war stores.

The advance of the Americans and French on the southern part of the battle front, taken in conjunction with the operations of Field Marshal Haig and the Belgians in the north, threatens to prove the culminating blow to Germany's attempts to hold ground in France or Belgium. Indeed, it is not improbable if the advance of the south continues as rapid as it is, the greater part of the German army will be trapped before the men can reach their border. The situation of the Germans seemingly is a critical one.

Although the Austro-Hungarians have been given an armistice, they are still being bitterly attacked by the Italians, British, French, Americans and Czech-Slovak troops in the mountains and on the plains and will continue under chastisement until Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a cessation of hostilities will take place.

Entire regiments are surrendering to the Italians in the mountains and large numbers of the enemy are being made prisoner on the plains. Heavy casualties are being inflicted on the retreating troops. Many additional towns have been reclaimed.

In their swift drive against the Austro-Hungarians the allied forces have up to the present taken more than 100,000 prisoners and have captured more than 2,200 guns. So rapid has been the advance over the plains that Italian cavalry already has crossed the Tagliamento river and entered Udine.

"FLU" CONDITIONS IMPROVED

Deaths and New Cases in County Last Week About Half of Record of Previous Week—No New Cases in Lumberton.

Three hundred and eighty-one new cases of influenza were reported in Robeson last week, as compared with 675 the week before. Twenty deaths were reported in the county, as compared with 42 the week before. Twenty-six pneumonia cases were reported last week.

Conditions continue to improve throughout the county. No new cases have been reported in Lumberton proper for several days.

FAIR NOV. 19-22

Robeson County Fair Will Be Bigger and Better This Year Than Ever.

The dates for the annual Robeson county fair have been changed from November 5-8 to November 19-22. Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the fair association, says nothing will be left undone towards making the fair this year the "biggest and best" in the history of the association. Besides the exhibits, there will be amusements. Save the things you expected to have on exhibition till the later dates.

LID STILL ON HERE

Ban Not Lifted as to Church Services Locally and None Held Here Yesterday.

Although the county board of health Thursday rescinded the order passed October 7 forbidding the holding of church services or other public meetings in the county, the board of town commissioners saw fit to keep the ordinance passed by them in force. No services were held at the churches here yesterday. It is the opinion of board that services can be held in local churches next Sunday.

While there was no ordinance against holding services at the churches in the rural districts, it is said no many services were held yesterday.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS

Private Blake Wounded Second Time.

Mrs. W. O. Blake of R. 5, Lumberton, received Saturday a letter from her son, Mr. Joseph B. Blake, in which he stated that he had been wounded in action. He is in a hospital. Private Blake had been wounded once before and went to the front after he had recovered. Mr. Blake said that while the wound was not serious, it was worse than the first one he received. Both the wounds were caused by machine gun bullets, one having struck each of his legs. Private Blake enlisted in the army in February, 1917, when he was 17 years old, and was among the first contingent of American soldiers to reach France.

Mr. Whaley Sends Home Piece From German Aeroplane.

Mr. L. E. Whaley received Friday a letter from his son Mr. E. L. Whaley, of the aviation corps of the U. S. army, in France. In the letter Mr. Whaley enclosed a piece which he cut from the wing of a German aeroplane which was brought down by allied airmen. A hole, which Mr. Whaley said was made by a bullet from a machine gun, was in the piece of the machine sent home.

Rev. Edward Brigman, who has been at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna J. Brigman, at St. Pauls for the past few days on a furlough from Camp Sevier, S. C., was a Lumberton visitor this morning. He will leave for camp tomorrow. He came home to attend the funeral of his sister Mrs. Jno. Butler, who had been in poor health for some time and was a victim of influenza. Mr. Brigman says influenza conditions at Camp Sevier have improved very much.

Mayor Jas. D. Proctor received a letter last week from his brother Lieut. Knox Proctor.

In a letter received Saturday by his brother Mayor Jas. D. Proctor, Lieut. Knox Proctor writes that he is located in a French "village" that is considerably larger than Charlotte, N. C.

Private Roger Pittman, who came home from France a month ago on a month's furlough, has been granted 30 days' extension of his furlough. He came home to look after business connected with the estate of his grandfather, the late R. R. Barnes. It looks now like he may not have to return to France at all.

Robeson County Negro Given Conditional Pardon.

Junius McKay, serving a life term for murder in Robeson county, gets a conditional pardon from Governor Bickett following a commutation from death sentence by Governor Kitchin 10 years ago. The pardon is because of grave doubt as to the real guilt of McKay and the belief that another negro who has killed three men and is serving a 30-year sentence, really murdered the victim that McKay was thought to have killed and then by threats and with money made the only witness swear that McKay did the killing. Many citizens petitioned for the pardon.

McKay was convicted of killing a negro at Rowland.

Keel For First Ship Laid at Wilmington Shipyard.

The keel for the first ocean-going steamer ever laid in Wilmington was set down at the yard of the Carolina Shipbuilding Co. Saturday.

Mr. E. S. Pate of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

Robeson County Organization For the United War Work Campaign November 11th to 18th.

James D. Proctor, county chairman, Lumberton; J. A. Sharpe, publicity director, Lumberton; Woodberry Lennox, chairman speakers' committee, Lumberton; Ira B. Townsend, treasurer, Lumberton.

Executive Committee. A. R. McEachern, St. Pauls; J. C. Snoddy, Red Springs; Frank Gough, Lumberton. Rev. John R. Miller, Fairmont. J. S. Oliver, Marjetta. A. D. McKenick, Rowland. W. B. Harker, Maxton. R. H. Livermore, Pembroke. Township Chairmen and Minimum Quotas.

Alfordsville—Alex Alford, Rowland. R. F. D., \$360.

Back Swamp—Mrs. John T. Singletary, Lumberton, R. F. D., \$207.

Britts—Ira F. Britt, Lumberton, R. F. D., \$198.

Burnt Swamp—I. P. Ray, Buies, \$160.

Fairmont—A. L. Jones, Fairmont, \$486.

Gaddys—J. O. McArthur, Rowland, R. F. D., \$117.

Howellville—T. W. Maxwell, Lumberton, R. F. D., \$261.

Lumber Bridge—J. S. Hodges, Lumber Bridge, \$216.

Lumberton—C. B. Skipper, Lumberton, \$1,980—Oliver Britt, East Lumberton, Jno. W. Long, West Lumberton.

Maxton—McKay McKinnon, Maxton, \$846.

Orrum—P. P. Smith, Proctorville, \$225.

Parkton—Dr. D. S. Currie, Parkton, \$243.

Pembroke—D. A. Shaw, Pembroke, \$270.

Raft Swamp—Mrs. H. W. Baucom, Buies, R. F. D., \$99.

Red Springs—Geo. T. Bullock, Red Springs, \$522.

Rennert—R. T. Graham, Rennert, \$135.

Rowland—Rev. R. E. Powell, Rowland, \$567.

Saddletree—Grady Harrell, Rennert, R. F. D. \$135.

St. Pauls—L. A. McGeachy, St. Pauls, \$630.

Shannon—G. I. Klarp, Shannon, \$72.

Smiths—E. J. Walters, Wakulla, \$324.

Sterlings—J. H. Johnson, Barnesville, \$207.

Thompsons—F. M. Townsend, McDonalds, \$333.

White House—W. M. Oliver, Marietta, \$180.

Wisharts—J. C. Stansel, Allenton, \$225.

Total minimum quota for Robeson County, \$9,000.

A 5 per cent over-subscription is earnestly desired.

LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED

Total Subscriptions of \$6,866,416.300

From More Than 21,000,000 Persons

Is the Record of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Despite peace talk and influenza, American citizens have responded for a fourth time to the government's appeal for war loans with more than was asked. Total subscriptions of \$6,866,416.300 from more than 21,000,000 individuals is the record of the fourth Liberty Loan, as announced Friday by the treasury, based on careful estimates by the 12 Federal Reserve banks. The entire \$6,866,416.300 over-subscription will be accepted and applied to reducing the size of the fifth loan, to be offered in the spring.

Final figures may send the fourth loan total even higher. All districts reported over-subscriptions, ranging from 25 per cent for Boston to a little less than 6 per cent for San Francisco. Richmond was second with a 23 per cent over-subscription. The aggregate over-subscription was 14.44 per cent.

Sugar Allowance Increased to 3 Pounds Monthly.

The sugar allowance of two pounds monthly a person for householders was increased to three pounds monthly Thursday by Food Administrator Hoover effective Nov. 1. The sugar regulations also are revised to permit the purchase of the entire month's supply for a family at one time.

This relaxation of the restrictions placed on the use of sugar four months ago was made possible, Mr. Hoover's statement said, through the rapid manufacture of the beet sugar crop in the West, the new cane crop in the South, reductions of consumption in manufacturing, freer transportation conditions and patriotic conservation by the public.

Association Meeting Postpone

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The Eastern Carolina Association is postponed indefinitely.

A. S. LOCKLEAR, Clerk and Treasurer.

Is the Kaiser Getting Ready to Move?

A Geneva dispatch states that dozens of trunks bearing the royal Hohenzollern monogram have been arriving in the past week at the luxurious chateau named "Bucnas," on the lake of Zug. The chateau, which is flying the German flag, is the property of Baron von Kliest, a German.

TERMS OF ARMISTICE

The Armistice Accepted by Turkey Amounts to Complete and Unconditional Surrender.

In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated in a United Press dispatch to this paper that Turkey had agreed to an armistice and was definitely out of the war. The terms of the armistice granted by the allied powers to Turkey, amounting to "complete and unconditional surrender," as interpreted by Lord Robert Cecil, British assistant secretary for foreign affairs, follow:

"First, the opening of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus and access to the Black Sea. Allied occupation of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus forts.

"Second, the positions of all mine fields, torpedo tubes, and other obstructions in Turkish waters are to be indicated and assistance given to remove them as may be required.

"Third, all available information concerning mines in the Black sea is to be communicated.

"Fourth, all allied prisoners of war and Armenian interned persons and prisoners are to be collected in Constantinople and handed over unconditionally to the Allies.

"Fifth, immediate demobilization of the Turkish army except such troops as are required for surveillance on the frontiers and for the maintenance of internal order. The number of effectives and their disposition to be determined later by the Allies after consultation with the Turkish government.

"Sixth, the surrender of all war vessels in Turkish waters or water occupied by Turkey. These ships will be interned in such Turkish port or ports as may be directed, except such small vessels as are required for police and similar purposes in Turkish territorial waters.

"Seventh, the Allies to have the right to occupy any strategic points in the event of any situation arising which threatens the security of the Allies.

"Eighth, free use by allied ships of all ports and anchorages now in Turkish occupation and denial of their use by the enemy. Similar conditions are to apply to Turkish mercantile shipping in Turkish waters for the purpose of trade and the demobilization of the army.

"Ninth, allied occupation of the Taurus tunnel system.

"Tenth, immediate withdrawal of Turkish troops from Northern Persia to behind the pre-war frontier already has been ordered and will be carried out.

"Eleventh, a part of Trans-Caucasia already has been ordered to be evacuated by Turkish troops. The remainder is to be evacuated if required by the Allies after they have studied the situation.

"Twelfth, wireless telegraph and cable stations to be controlled by the Allies. Turkish government messages to be intercepted.

"Thirteenth, prohibition against the destruction of any naval, military or commercial material.

"Fourteenth, facilities are to be given for the purchase of coal, oil, fuel and naval material from Turkish sources after the requirements of the country have been met. None of the above materials are to be exported.

"Fifteenth, the surrender of all Turkish officers in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica to the nearest Italian garrison. Turkey agrees to stop supplies and communication with these officers if they do not obey the order to surrender.

"Sixteenth, the surrender of all garrisons in Hedjaz, Assir, Yemen, Syria and Mesopotamia to the nearest allied commander, and withdrawal of Turkish troops from Cilicia, except those necessary to maintain order as will be determined under clause six.

"Seventeenth, the use of all ships and repair facilities at all Turkish ports and arsenals.

"Eighteenth, the surrender of all ports occupied in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, including Bisurta, to the nearest allied garrison.

"Nineteenth, all Germans and Austrians, naval, military or civilian, to be evacuated within one month from Turkish dominions and those in remote districts as soon after that time as may be possible.

"Twentieth, compliance with such orders as may be conveyed for the disposal of equipment, arms and ammunition, including the transport of that portion of the Turkish army which is demobilized under clause 5.

"Twenty-first, an allied representative to be attached to the Turkish ministry of supplies in order to safeguard allied interests. This representative to be furnished with all aid necessary for this purpose.

"Twenty-second, Turkish prisoners are to be kept at the disposal of the allied powers. The release of Turkish civilian prisoners and prisoners over military age is to be considered.

"Twenty-third, an obligation on the part of Turkey to cease all relations with the Central Powers.

"Twenty-fourth, in case of disorder in the six Armenian vilayets the Allies reserve to themselves the right to occupy any part of them.

"Twenty-fifth, hostilities between the Allies and Turkey shall cease from noon, local time, Thursday, the 31st of October, 1918.

362,355 Prisoners Taken in 4 Months.

Since the great offensive began on the western front on July 15, last, the allied armies have captured 362,355 prisoners, including 7,990 officers, as well as 6,217 cannon, 38,622 machine guns and 3,907 mine-throwers.

LIBERTY LOAN REPORT

In 4th Liberty Loan 3,802 People of Robeson Subscribed for \$961,300 in Bonds—Allotment Over-Subscribed 59 Per Cent.

To the Public:

I have just obtained final and complete figures for the 4th Liberty Loan and now give the results both by banks and by districts.

Report by Banks.

National Bank of Lumberton—Allotment, \$125,000; amount subscribed, \$251,550; number of subscribers, 530; per cent of allotment taken, 200.

First National, Lumberton—Allotment, \$2,800; amount subscribed, \$92,950; number of subscribers, 329; per cent of allotment taken, 112.

Planters Bank, Lumberton—Allotment, \$35,600; amount subscribed, \$70,300; number of subscribers, 217; per cent of allotment taken, 197.

Bank of Fairmont—Allotment, \$32,300; amount subscribed, \$40,500; number of subscribers, 224; per cent of allotment taken, 125.

Peoples Bank, Fairmont—Allotment, \$12,800; amount subscribed, \$22,700; number of subscribers, 147; per cent of allotment taken, 177.

Bank of Maxton—Allotment, \$84,500; amount subscribed, \$102,250; number of subscribers, 501; per cent of allotment taken, 120.

Bank of Rowland—Allotment, \$45,000; amount subscribed, \$53,350; number of subscribers, 121; per cent of allotment taken, 133.

Bank of Red Springs—Allotment, \$38,400; amount subscribed, \$58,600; number of subscribers, 286; per cent of allotment taken, 153.

Carolina Bank, Red Springs—Allotment, \$23,600; amount subscribed, \$44,300; number of subscribers, 303; per cent of allotment taken, 187.

Bank of Rowland—Allotment, \$41,100; amount subscribed, \$59,600; number of subscribers, 126; per cent of allotment taken, 132.

Merchants Bank, Rowland—Allotment, \$19,500; amount subscribed, \$34,850; number of subscribers, 108; per cent of allotment taken, 178.

Bank of Parkton—Allotment, \$22,300; amount subscribed, \$25,500; number of subscribers, 109; per cent of allotment taken, 114.

Bank of Pembroke—Allotment, \$10,000; amount subscribed, \$23,350; number of subscribers, 251; per cent of allotment taken, 233.

Bank of McDonald—Allotment, \$10,200; amount subscribed, \$11,650; number of subscribers, 74; per cent of allotment taken, 114.

Bank of St. Pauls—Allotment, \$27,000; amount subscribed, \$70,250; number of subscribers, 315; per cent of amount taken 260.

Bank of Proctorville—Allotment, \$6,400; amount subscribed, \$16,600; number of subscribers, 161; per cent of allotment taken, 259.

Total—Allotment, \$603,500; amount subscribed, \$961,300; number of subscribers, 3,802.

Report by Districts.

Lumberton district—Allotment, \$244,200; amount subscribed, \$414,800; number of subscribers, 1,076; per cent of allotment taken, 169.

Fairmont district—Allotment, \$45,100; amount subscribed, \$63,200; number of subscribers, 371; per cent of allotment taken, 140.

Maxton district—Allotment, \$111,700; amount subscribed, \$138,600; number of subscribers, 622; per cent of allotment taken, 125.

Red Springs district—Allotment, \$62,000; amount subscribed, \$102,900; number of subscribers, 589; per cent of allotment taken, 166.

Rowland district—Allotment, \$64,600; amount subscribed, \$94,450; number of subscribers, 234; per cent of allotment taken, 146.

Parkton district—Allotment, \$22,300; amount subscribed, \$25,500; number of subscribers, 109; per cent of allotment taken, 114.

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It will therefore be seen that St. Pauls district heads the list, followed closely by Proctorville and then by Pembroke. The banks raising double their allotment, or more than that, were Bank of St. Pauls, Bank of Proctorville, Bank of Pembroke, National Bank of Lumberton. It will also be seen that the county over-subscription of its bank allotment was 59 per cent. These results should have been better, but they could be worse.

R. C. LAWRENCE, County Chairman.

Barbecue Dinner at Ten Mile.

The Ten Mile local of the Farmers' Union will serve a barbecue dinner to union members and their families Saturday of this week. The union will meet at 11 a. m.

Thousands Freed at Valenciennes.

Valenciennes was captured by the British Saturday, releasing thousands of residents who had been in bondage for 4 years.

ELECTION NIGHT NEWS

The Robesonian has made arrangements with the United Press for election night service and election returns will be posted tomorrow night on the bulletin board in front of The Robesonian office and at the court house, where Chairman T. A. McNeill of the county Democratic executive committee, will handle the returns.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 27 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 27 3-4 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

The various county boards are holding regular first-Monday meetings here today. Quite a number of people are in town.

License has been issued for the marriage of Stinson Ivey and Bertha Hardin.

Dr. J. A. Martis went Friday to Raleigh, where he officially accepted his commission as junior lieutenant in the U. S. navy. He expects to be called into the service soon.

While the regular term of Robeson court was called off, Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown is here today for the purpose of signing judgments and orders and hearing uncontested cases.

Mr. Albert Smith of Wishart township recently caught two foxes in a trap near his home. The third left with his trap. The foxes were eating his chickens at a rapid rate before he interfered.

Mr. A. W. McLean, one of the four members of the United States War Finance board, arrived here yesterday from Washington. He will spend a few days here looking after business interests.

Mr. Joe T. Branch of R. 5 from Lumberton was in town Saturday. Mr. Branch says he has just about completed a new residence for Mr. H. F. Townsend of Raft Swamp township. The residence cost around \$5,000.

Mr. S. J. Allen, who lives in the Carthage road 2 miles from Lumberton, brought some fine Porto Rico yams to town Friday and left two of the finest at The Robesonian office.

The local banks will be closed tomorrow, election day.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, who resigned last summer as superintendent of the Lumberton graded schools to accept the position of superintendent of schools of Edgecombe county, is taking the course for army Y. M. C. A. workers at the Blue Ridge training school. He has a 6-months' leave of absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Williamson have returned to Lumberton to make their home. They have been making their home at Lillington. Mr. Williamson will open a battery service station here. He has not yet decided what building he will occupy. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson formerly lived here and have many friends who will be pleased at their return.

Mr. Asa Biggs of the staff of the Evening Dispatch, Wilmington, is spending the day in town on business. Mr. Biggs is well-known in newspaper circles, having worked on a number of the leading dailies of the State. He worked on the staff of the New York Tribune before going to Wilmington. He is a native of Wake county.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mr. C. Marvin Bullard of Back Swamp.

Mr. C. Marvin Bullard, a well-known citizen of Back Swamp township, died Friday at 9:40 a. m. of pneumonia following influenza. He had been sick more than a week. Deceased was 40 years old and is survived by his wife and one child, besides a number of other relatives. The funeral was conducted at the grave Saturday at noon by Rev. J. R. Miller of Fairmont. Interment was made near the home. Mr. Bullard was a member of the Back Swamp Baptist church and was a good citizen. He was a most successful farmer and had many friends.

Mr. Latta Rice, R. 4, Lumberton.

Mr. Lattie Rice, aged 23 years, died yesterday morning at the home of his father, Mr. Alfred Rice, R. 4, Lumberton. Deceased had been sick for several days pneumonia following influenza. Interment was made in the family burying ground yesterday afternoon.

Lola McGirt, Indian.

Lola McGirt, Indian, died at her home in Howellsville township yesterday of influenza and complications.

Road Sentence For Reckless Driving.

Thirty days on the roads was the sentence imposed upon Roy Holmes, Indian, by Recorder E. M. Britt Thursday when he was tried on the charge of reckless driving on the public highway. Holmes gave notice of appeal.