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### THE WAR.

**Allied Armies From North Sea to Verdun Continue to Advance—Germans Said to Have Started Wide Retreat—British Advancing in Syria and Allies in Balkans.**

Everywhere from the North sea to Verdun the allied armies are advancing. The British, French and Belgians began on Monday a heavy attack in Western Belgium, and have driven the Germans back several miles. It appears that within a few days the Germans will have to get out of a large part of Belgium and practically all of France. The first of the week the Germans retreated from the Laon-La Fere area in France, which constituted their strongest position on the entire western front.

There are intimations from France that there is a strong probability that a large part of the German army will be cut off in France, and that this is one of the chief reasons for the German peace proposals.

Following is the dispatch in this morning's papers telling of the situation:

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16, (By the Associated Press—4:30 P. M.)—The Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from northern Belgium, French cavalry is approaching Thiel, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges canal. The canal itself is only 10 miles from the border of Holland. So fast is the enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the center of the battlefield, have lost touch entirely with the enemy.

The Belgians, advancing astride the Thourout-Bruges and Thourout-Ostend roads, have defeated the Germans, who are retreating rapidly.

Unconfirmed rumors are in the air that Germany has capitulated and that Emperor William has abdicated. The rumors emanated from Dutch and Swiss sources, but as yet the German government has not officially informed either the Washington or London governments of its intention to surrender.

as laid down by President Wilson.

Meanwhile hostilities are proceeding without cessation and as in days past the forces of the allies everywhere are defeating the enemy. In Belgium Flanders, the British, Belgian and French troops under King Albert are sweeping forward for further material gains in the process of driving the invader from Belgian soil; on the front in France the British, French and Americans are hard after the Germans and are making progress, although slowly, notwithstanding the strenuous defense that is being offered.

Both in Serbia and Albania the entente troops are ridding the invaded districts of the Austro-Hungarian and German contingents, in Albania being well to the north of Durazzo on the Adriatic sea and in Serbia a considerable distance beyond Nish with the enemy falling back toward the frontier of Austro-Hungary.

British Reach Tripoli.

In the Palestine district the British cavalry has driven far to the north and northwest of Damascus, having reached Tripoli near the Mediterranean and Homs, 85 miles north of Beirut and Hama, 85 miles north of Damascus. By this maneuver there seemingly is created for the Ottoman forces the menace of again being caught between General Allenby's armies and crushed as was the case in the early days of the offensive in the region north of Jerusalem. The maneuver also may forestall a new drive by the British from the Bagdad region to form a junction with General Allenby at Aleppo and thus take the Holy Land in its entirety from the Turks.

The great wedge of the allies in Flanders is being gradually extended eastward all along the front, of attack. Thourout, at the head of the railway leading to Bruges and numerous villages to the south have been taken, while Courtrai, the junction point of the railway to Ghent, is almost entirely surrounded. Large numbers of prisoners and many additional guns have been captured by the Belgian, French and British troops who are carrying out the operation.

After Douai and Lille. To the south of this region the British continue successfully their maneuver which has as its main objective the capture of Douai and Lille and the blotting out of the big salient

which is barring the way to Valenciennes and the German defense line in that vicinity. Here the Germans are continuing to withdraw, closely followed by the British who are within 2 1-2 miles and 3 3-4 miles of Lille, respectively southwest and west of the city.

In the Champagne region where the French and Americans are driving their way northward further good gains have been made notwithstanding the furious efforts of the Germans to hold their line. Bethel, the important junction point for the railways running to Mezieres and other points inside the enemy-held territory is all but captured by the French. Eastward the Americans also have again pressed slightly forward.

### NORTH CAROLINA NEVER FAILS

"North Carolina has never failed, from Moore's Creek to Cambrai. Its men have fought bravely for Liberty, its women have made noble sacrifice, and its boys have put Liberty above life.

"The boys are not failing now. They will be watching on the 19th, when the bond issue campaign ends, to see if the people at home have failed them. They are covered with mud and glory. At home we sleep in comfortable beds and do not eat our meals to the music of shrieking shells.

"The least we can do, for the men fighting our battles is to supply them with all they need. This costs billions. The bond issue now asked is sorely needed. If it is not subscribed, there must be resort to increased taxation.

"We have conscripted men. There is the same right to conscript money. But it is not necessary. The duty of every man who has as much as \$50 is to buy bonds. The duty of men who have thousands is to buy until they feel the pinch.

"The prevalence of influenza retards public meetings and canvassing. But it does not justify failure upon any one's part to take his share. It should make every man his own canvasser.

"I know there will be no relaxation of effort on the part of North Carolina's top set out boys preceded it."

### JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

### JOEL DEESE KILLED

Mr. Abel Deese, of North Wadesboro, a few days ago received a telegram from the adjutant-general of the army stating that his son, Mr. Joel R. Deese, had been killed in action on Sept. 19th. Mr. Deese had been in the army for some time. He was an excellent young man, and had many friends. So far as is known definitely, he was the first Ansonian to be killed in action.

### INFLUENZA SITUATION.

**Seems to Be Under Control in This County—Have Been Only Two Deaths in Anson—New Regulations by Board of Health.**

The influenza situation in Wadesboro and the county seems to be under control. Not a great many new cases have been reported since the last issue of The M. & I., and a number of those who had it last week are now able to be out. There are a number of cases in South Wadesboro, and the cotton mill has closed down. So far as is known, there have been only two deaths in the county, as compared with hundreds in some other counties.

However, there are cases in almost all parts of the county, and precautions are still necessary. The board of health on Tuesday adopted some new regulations, making the quarantine stricter, and these are given elsewhere in this issue.

Thus far, Anson seems to have escaped much more lightly than the counties round about, not to mention the eastern counties, where the scourge has been worse. However, the epidemic seems to have spent its force in some of the eastern counties, and it is stated that in Wilmington, which has suffered worse than any other town in the state, the schools will open again next Monday.

### WENT TO SCHOOLS.

Last Tuesday three white men left for the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., and four colored men for the A. & T. College, Greensboro, to take training in special work for the army. All these were volunteers, and there were many more volunteers who could not go. Those who went were:

### Whites.

Fred Moore Mills, Wadesboro.  
Benj. F. Knotts, Lilesville.  
Eddie B. Ratliff, Ruby R. 1.

### Colored.

Ed. Smith, Wadesboro.  
Chavis Lindsey, Wadesboro.  
Willie Crawford, Wadesboro.  
Samuel Gaddy, Wadesboro.

### SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—President Wilson's answer to the Germans was greeted unanimously by the men as a document of supreme statesmanship, completely filling the bill and imposing on the Germans the humiliation and abnegation absolutely necessary. It served, however, to increase the doubts whether the enemy will in last analysis back down completely and to steel every one to fight on indefinitely and impose upon Germany absolute defeat.

### 327 LOST IN COLLISION

**When Two Steamers Collide On Rocky Coast of Scotland.**

A British Port, Thursday.—A large number of American troops have been lost as the result of the sinking of the transport Otranto in the North channel between the Scotch and Irish coasts, in a collision with the steamer Kashmir.

The Otranto after the collision was dashed to pieces on the rocks off the south Scottish coast with a probable loss of 372 American soldiers.

Three hundred and one men were taken to Belfast by the British destroyer Mounsey, the only vessel which made an attempt at rescue in the terrific gale when the Kashmir, another vessel in the convoy with the Otranto, rammed the Otranto amidships.

Seventeen men were picked up alive on the Scottish coast.

Of the 699 American soldiers on board the Otranto, 310 were landed. Seventeen were rescued alive at Is-laf, leaving 372 unaccounted for.

Battling with Storm. The Otranto and other vessels of the convoy were battling with the heavy seas and high winds Sunday morning. The storm was so severe and the visibility so bad that the Kashmir, a former Peninsular & Oriental liner, crashed into the Otranto squarely amidships.

The Kashmir backed away badly damaged but was able to make port.

As the bows of the Kashmir were pulled from the great holes in the side of the Otranto the water rushed in but for a time it did not serve to stop the engines. The Otranto tried to proceed but made no headway against the gale in her crippled condition.

Within a short time the water put out her fires and the Otranto drifted helplessly toward the rocky coast of Islay island where most of the Tuscania victims met their deaths.

### OLLIE BASIL DEATON IS VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

Montgomery County Editor Dies After Illness of Several Weeks.

Prominent Citizen.

Troy, Oct. 16.—Ollie Basil Deaton aged 39, died at his home here this evening of pneumonia after an illness of one week. Deceased was editor of The Montgomerian, and a former register of deeds in Montgomery county, holding office for a period of 10 years. He spent most of his life in Troy. He was a member of the Baptist church.

### THE BETTER PURPOSE.

Detroit Free Press. Just remember those Yanks are driving those tanks on some of the gasoline you saved on Sundays.

### GERMANS REDOUBLE

### CRUELITIES IN BELGIUM

**Sieze All Males Between 15 and 45 In One Region and Force Them to Work.**

Havre, Oct. 8.—The Belgium Government has issued a statement that from the coast to beyond the City of Bruges the male population between the ages of 15 to 45 have been brutally torn from their homes and forced to labor on German military works. The text of the statement reads:

"The Belgium Government has been conferring for several weeks past with the allied Governments on the subject of measures which are necessitated by methods of destruction and pillage which the enemy is employing in territory he is obliged to evacuate.

"Belgium has been from the beginning of the war exposed to the outrages of the German armies. At the very moment the new Imperial Chancellor is proclaiming his anxiety for the happiness of peoples and his will to work for the deliverance of humanity, the Belgian Government receives news of fresh excess on the part of the German armies in occupied Belgium. From the coast to beyond Bruges the male population from 15 to 45 years is being torn from their homes and subjected to the most brutal treatment. These men are compelled to work at forced labor for the military needs of the enemy.

"A vengeful clamor would rise from the whole world if at the moment of leaving Belgian soil, the German armies renewed with redoubled cruelty the excesses which marked the invasion of Belgium, and if they undertook to consummate the ruin of the country by pillage, arson, and the wholesale deportation of the people."

### PINEY WOODS NEWS.

Fodder pulling and cotton picking is the go through this section.

Mr. L. F. Cagle visited Mr. L. P. Brown Sunday evening.

Miss Pearl Harward is on the sick list this week.

Miss Vina Simpson visited Miss Beulah Cagle Sunday evening.

Messrs. Lee McBride, Nancy Ingold and Walter Brown visited Mr. Joel Horne's Sunday night.

Mr. Will Cagle and Ed McBride visited Mr. M. T. Harward Sunday evening.

### Notice to the Churches of the Zion Field.

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association, which was to convene Oct. 16, with the Flint Ridge Baptist church of Marshville is postponed until further notice, on account of the Spanish Influenza.

G. W. BAUCOM, Cor. Secy.

### THE TOLL OF PNEUMONIA.

**Ansonians and Former Ansonians Who Have Fallen Victims to the Dread Disease.**

### MR. W. T. ROSE.

Rose Hill is wrapped in the deepest grief, and the entire community mourns with them, the death of Mr. Walter Thomas Rose, which occurred on Thursday evening, Oct. 10th, 1918, at his beautiful home, which occupies a commanding site in that locality. He was stricken with influenza ten days before his death, following a business trip to Charlotte, and afterwards developed pneumonia, which rapidly hastened his end. His death came as a great shock to his family and his friends, and in his going, the social, religious and commercial life of the town has suffered a grievous loss. He was the oldest living son of Mr. Walter L. Rose, his mother having been laid to rest last October. His father has been in feeble health for years and has leaned upon "Walter," and found much pleasure in his companionship. The whole family has looked up to him, and relied upon his judgment. He was born April 18, 1875, and his entire life was spent "on the hill."

He doubtless loved every foot of it, as most of us do our old homes, which are sacred to us, and filled with precious memories. He was given a good education, and his business career began at an early age, when he lent valuable aid to his father, who was for an extended period agent for the A. C. L. Ry. here in its pioneer days. He probably learned telegraphy in this capacity, and was afterwards made manager of the Western Union Tel. Co. here, which position he held for twenty years, with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. The next step in a busy life was to assist in organizing the Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co., of which he was made secretary and treasurer. His wonderful business acumen has carried it forward successfully year after year, and it has been a potent factor in the upbuilding of the town.

Mr. Rose was also at the head of other important corporations, which have reflected credit on his management, and he accumulated a good estate. He was always safe and prudent, yet filled with the progressive spirit of the times, and ever appreciative of any courtesies extended him, or the young ladies who worked under him. It seems hard to realize that a man of his robust appearance, and never failing energy, should have been cut off in the prime of life. But God moves in a mysterious way, and has called on him to lay down his earthly career, and take up work in the Master's vineyard. With thousands of people entering the celestial city each day, from every clime and every nation, from pole to pole, and ocean's farthest shore, there must be plenty of work for willing, eager hands to do.

Mr. Rose was happily married on March 10, 1909, to Miss Shelly Horne, who, with one beautiful boy Walter Thos. Rose, Jr., survives him. Their home life was one of unusual happiness, and few men are blessed with more faithful, devoted wives. The deepest sympathy goes out to her in her intense loneliness, but she is a consecrated Christian woman, and will put her trust in God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, and continue her good works in the community. E. N. L.

### MR. GEORGE B. LOCKHART.

The sad news reached here on Monday afternoon, Oct. 14th, 1918, that George Burgwin Lockhart, eldest son of the late Hon. Jas. A. Lockhart and his wife, Caroline Ashe Lockhart, and grandson of the late Hon. Thos. S. Ashe, for many years a distinguished jurist of North Carolina, had died of pneumonia at his home in Columbia, S. C. His illness was severe from the first, and was the cause of grave apprehension on the part of his relatives and friends, as this was his third attack of the fatal disease. He was born in February 1880, at the old family home on the Camden Road, and grew to manhood there, being carefully nurtured by devoted parents. He was given a High school education at home, afterwards taking a course at the University of N. C. He was genial and clever by nature, making many friends wherever his lot was cast.

He filled several positions here creditably, one of them being assistant cashier of the First National Bank for a time. After leaving here, he followed the same calling in East (Continued on 4th page.)

## CONCERNING PEACE PROPOSALS

This German thing we have resolved to destroy is a criminal outlawed thing and cannot be parleyed with. We must get him dead or alive, though we go to Berlin to do it. When we have taken him he shall be brought handcuffed before the bar of humanity and sentenced as he deserves.

Kaiser William offers a hand clap to his enemies based on an "honorable peace." To grant Germany and its allies peace would be to welcome back to civilization without punishment nations which can be truthfully characterized as composed of

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| ASSASINS.<br>MURDERERS.<br>RAPISTS.<br>MANGLERS OF CHILDREN.<br>BESTIAL CRIMES WHOSE<br>CRIMES "SICKEN A TIGER."<br>DESTROYERS OF CATHEDRALS.<br>ROBBERS WHO HAVE LOOTED<br>HOMES AND NATIONS ALIKE.<br>MUTILATORS.<br>BANDITS.<br>DESPOILERS.<br>PLUNDERERS.<br>PILLAGERS.<br>FREEBOOTERS.<br>LOOTERS.<br>CRIMINALS WHOSE HANDS RUN<br>RED WITH HUMAN BLOOD.<br>HYPOCRITES. | LIARS.<br>DESTROYERS OF WOMANHOOD<br>AND OF CIVILIZATION ALIKE.<br>ATHEISTIC BARBARIANS WHO<br>WOULD BLOT OUT CHRISTIANITY.<br>MURDERERS ON THE HIGH<br>SEAS.<br>SHARKS.<br>GLOATERS OVER THEIR OWN<br>INFAMIES.<br>MAKERS OF HOLIDAYS AND<br>MEDALS TO CELEBRATE THE<br>MURDER OF 1000 WOMEN AND<br>CHILDREN AND NON-COMBATANTS.<br>INSTIGATORS OF EVERY VILE<br>DEVIL - CONTROLLED MIND | AND SOUL IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES<br>TO POISON THE MIND<br>AS THEY POISON THE WELLS.<br>PIRATES.<br>VIOLATORS OF EVERY AGREEMENT<br>AS "SCRAPS OF PAPER,"<br>WHOSE SPOKEN OR WRITTEN<br>CONTRACT IS AS WORTHLESS<br>AS A BOX OF MATCHES IN<br>HELL.<br>WOULD BE WORLD LOOTERS<br>AND RULERS WHO CUT DOWN<br>FRUIT TREES WITH THE SAME<br>RUTHLESSNESS THAT THEY<br>POISON WELLS.<br>CRUCIFIERS OF PRISONERS.<br>BOMBERS OF RED CROSS HOSPITALS. |
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And shall we talk peace with such scoundrels whose crimes, whose turpitude, whose moral depravity and inherent vileness has made them the mental and moral prostitutes of all the ages and the willing murderers of millions of men, women and children?

May God forbid! "Unconditional Surrender" says Wilson.  
**BUY LIBERTY BONDS! ON TO BERLIN!  
DEATH TO GERMANISM!**

We are in to the end—We are in it to Win. Let every Anson County home own a bond.

R. E. LITTLE,  
Chairman Anson County.

ADAM LOCKHART,  
Chairman Liberty Loan Committee.