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GERMANS ON THE RUN—ALLIES ARE FAST GAINING GROUND—END NOT NEAR.

MONDAY

The sixth week of the war between Germany and France, Great Britain and Belgium, has brought a vast transformation. The pursued are now the pursuers. The irresistible sweep of seven German armies through Belgium into France met an immovable force at the river Marne.

The army of General Von Kluck, which so long battled to turn the allies' western flank was slowly and steadily outflanked. Its retirement before the small but hardy British army turned the tide of battle.

If French official reports are correct, all the German armies except that facing Verdun and a few miles southwest are retreating.

General Joffre, French commander-in-chief, pictures the retreat as hurriedly, if not disorderly, with the Germans abandoning prisoners, wounded and supplies.

Sunday was the darkest day of the war for the allies. The French government emigrated from Paris to Bordeaux in a long and procession of motor cars. An attack on the capital appeared imminent and the main German force had hammered a wedge into France between Paris and Verdun, with its center some miles south of that line.

TUESDAY

The pursuit of the retreating German armies by the British continued today with vigor, according to the French view. Despite the great numbers of Germans withdrawing the movement is being operated with rapidity and cleverness. The main body appears to be approaching the Belgian frontier, while the German left is seemingly gaining shelter in German Lorraine.

As far as known the Germans have abandoned more than 60 cannon and 30 machine guns, because their exhausted horses have been unable to drag them fast enough to keep up with even the tired infantry. Enormous amounts of ammunition and stores were left on the route, which is through a marshy country, rendered almost impassable in some places by the heavy rains which threaten to continue. It is asserted that the allies show no signs of fatigue. Large bodies of fresh troops are understood to have been sent forward to assist in the pursuit and more are ready to share the chase.

On the center it would seem that the enemy intends to resist on the heights north and north-west of Rheims. In the Argonne region toward the Meuse, the retreat continues. On the French right, in the Woëvre district, the French have relieved the fort at Trevon, which has stood many attacks in the last few days. Trevon is twelve miles southeast of Verdun. In Lorraine the pursuers are keeping everywhere in touch with the Germans.

The French have recaptured Amiens. On the left the French have everywhere caught up with the German rear guards and even the main body.

WEDNESDAY

From the camp of the allies comes little information save that they are in contact with the Germans clear along the line measured in hundreds of miles. Berlin reports Hindenburg is beating back the Russians in East Prussia but Rensselaer has bottled up the German armies of Austria and Germany between two rivers and hurries his forces northward to meet the Germans in the first great conflict between Slav and Teuton. Rumania is entreating Italy to join her in striking Austria. Serbia and Montenegro join forces and their veterans are marching steadily on. The British-German conflict in Africa is assuming larger proportions.

The battle of the Marne has about come to an end, although the allied armies are keeping in touch with the retreating Germans, it is evident the latter are taking up positions to stay the northward advance of the British and French.

General Von Kluck's army has made a stand north of the river Aisne on a line marked by the forest of L'Aigle and Craonne, while the armies of General Von Buelow and Von Hausen, the Duke of Wurttemberg and the Crown Prince are falling back to straighten out the front on which the next big battle is likely to be fought.

SAD ENDING OF TWO LIVES

C. B. Howell, of Monroe, and Miss Lizzie Griffin Drowned in Lake—Love Attributed.

In a drifting boat on the lake at Lakewood Park, Charlotte, on last Wednesday morning was found articles of clothing belonging to a man and woman. There was a dark blue coat lined with changeable blue silk, a black hat, belonging to a woman, also gloves, powder rag and handkerchief. Besides these there was a pin-striped black alpaca coat of fine texture and a straw hat belonging to a man. In the man's pocket was a massive gold watch—such as railroad men carry—\$25 in green backs, a pocketbook containing trainmen's passes on the Seaboard road, and a note. The latter read:

"We are in the lake. C. B. Howell, Lizzie Griffin. All for love."

The boat was discovered by some boys who were fishing. No cars were in the boat.

Howell was foreman of the S. A.

HEARD IN THE COUNTY

WHAT OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST DISCUSSED.

Straw hats have begun to look like black numbers.

Good many people are laying in their winter supply of coal.

Mr. J. A. Ellis, of Ramseur Route 1 was in town last Friday on business.

Show day with its many alluring sights will soon be here, and indications point to a large crowd.

Mr. D. S. Sumner of Franklinville, was a business visitor in Asheboro Saturday.

Mr. Curtis Wright, of Randleman, has accepted a position in a drug store at Siler City.

These mornings feel very much like frost, but hope it will postpone frosting for a while.

There are several places around town that the officials might look after and improve.

The farmers in Randolph should save all the hay that could be gathered on their farms this fall.

Some of our farmers say it looks like exchanging dollars when it costs one dollar a day for hands to pull fodder.

It is safe to say that Randolph county is sending more boys and girls away this year to enter various colleges than ever before.

Esq. W. H. Lawrence of the Caraway section, spent a short while in Asheboro Saturday talking to his many friends.

The good old farmer is the best off after all. They live good, war or no war. It does not trouble them. We have been among them and we know.

There are more bright children under school age in Asheboro than any other town twice its size in the country.

Greensboro always has a good fair. It will be better than ever this year. Randolph people always attend this fair.

The Republican papers have not yet blamed this war on the Democrats. Suppose we were fighting Mexico at this moment, how high would the war prices go?

There was another large crowd of people in town Saturday. Randolph is one of the largest counties in the State and the merchants of Asheboro now get trade from every nook and corner of the county.

Mr. A. W. E. Caple, of Troy, has gone to Charlotte for treatment at one of the hospitals there. He is to take a special treatment for paralysis. Mr. Caple is one of the best men in Montgomery County and numbers his friends by the score.

In the matter of correct records and looking after the business of the County, Mr. George T. Murdock as Register of Deeds has given Randolph county the highest efficiency of service. He is clever and accommodating both in and out of his office. He is not afraid to put himself to a little trouble to oblige anybody who comes in touch with him.

We clip the following from the Siler City Grit: "Diversify your farming. The indications are that next year the money crop will not be cotton. Put all your available land in wheat this fall. Where half the world is fighting, the other half must furnish the food, and America must naturally be the source of supply. Increase your wheat yields and get on the band wagon."

Mr. L. C. Phillips, the Democratic Candidate for treasurer, has filled the office during the past year and filled it well. Coming as he does from Western Randolph he represents the Democracy of that section. There is nothing about Louis Phillips' make-up that does not ring true. A vote for him, means a vote for an upright, impartial and business like conduct of the office.

There is nothing the matter with Sheriff J. W. Birkhead, who asks for re-election. No man in Randolph County is his peer. That he will be elected the Republicans admit. And it ought to be, for no county in the State has a sheriff who has served the people better than Watt Birkhead. He has friends at every turn of the road and will probably lead the ticket. He has come nearer collecting all the taxes on the books than any sheriff we have ever had. This means something to the man who pays taxes, for somebody must pay in place of the man who dodges. The people of Randolph County like Sheriff Birkhead because he is a true man in every respect.

L. shops at Monroe. He was married in Charlotte in 1901 to Miss Lizzie Powell. Mr. Howell and his family—wife and two children, the latter girls, aged respectively 10 and 8—have lived in Monroe for several years. The young woman who entered into the death pact with him was about 18 years old and good looking. She lived in Monroe and worked in a telephone exchange.

RANDOLPH'S NEW CITIZEN

MR. J. S. VILLERE, OF LOUISIANA, LOCATED IN RAMSEUR—WILL DEAL IN REAL ESTATE.

The reporter of The Courier while on his weekly visit to Ramseur, calling upon our many friends which we count, many, in the prosperous and progressive manufacturing sister town of Ramseur, had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. J. Sidney Villere, a representative of one of the oldest and most influential Louisiana families, who has just located at Ramseur, with the idea of making it his future home.

The Courier being always on the alert for news at once decided to call at Mr. Villere's office and ask him for the pleasure of an interview. Mr. Villere was found contentless in the midst of the organization of his new business, invited our representative to the best seat in his office (an easy chair) for which all scribes have a leaning and with an affable smile such as all Louisianians are gifted, said that he had chosen to locate in Ramseur on account of the wonderful opportunities that it offered to a man in his line of work and the natural resources of the country surrounding it.

Mr. Villere was born on the home place of the Villere family eight miles below New Orleans where four generations were born before him. This plantation covers an area of over 12,000 acres; nearly three thousand acres are in a state of cultivation. The main crop being sugar, from 1,800 to 2,000 acres are planted in sugar cane every year. The cane is ground and made into sugar on the place.

Mr. Villere's father was on the State of Louisiana for a great number of years, his grandfather was the first governor of the State after it ceased to be a territory and was the young planter that history speaks of who rode into New Orleans and told the then General Jackson, afterwards President, that the English troops had landed on his plantation and taken the family prisoners. The battle was fought the next day on the Villere plantation, and the spot upon which the hardest part of the battle was fought and upon which the English general, Packenham, surrendered after his troops had been routed, was given over to the United States government as a site for a National Cemetery which is now called "Chalmers."

Mr. Villere has opened a real estate office in Ramseur with a view of handling factory, farm and residence sites. Mr. Villere comes to us with strong letters of recommendation from banks, bankers, municipalities and individuals with whom he has done business.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to his advertisement in another part of this paper.

REVIVAL MEETING IN PROGRESS

Much Interest is Being Shown in the Meeting Being Conducted at the M. E. Church by Rev. C. W. Byrd.

The town of Asheboro is fortunate in having in its midst this week such a noted minister as Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Greensboro. Dr. Byrd came Monday morning to continue the revival services which the pastor began at the M. E. church Sunday morning. Dr. Byrd's sermons have been listened to by large congregations all week. His preaching is of the mild instructive persuasive type which is so unlike so many evangelists of the present time. Much interest is being shown on the part of the church members and it is hoped that many of the indifferent people of the town may be reached through this meeting. Dr. Byrd will remain over Sunday and the meeting will run into next week. Everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend all services.

WHAT RUSSIANS WILL ENCOUNTER IF THEY TRY TO REACH BERLIN

The task the Russians would have to perform in order to reach Berlin would be herculean. Berlin is well fortified on the east, not only by natural advantages for the city itself, but disadvantages for the enemy. Formidable fortresses confront an enemy from the east. Königsberg and Allenstein face the north-east, while back of this stands a second line of fortifications, four in number. To the southeast and making a circle are other fortresses, though not as many as in the other direction, and it might be that the Russians would attempt entrance down this way, coming by way of Cracow, which is just in Austria-Hungary. To the west the allies will be confronted by most formidable fortresses. They are mostly border fortifications, however, and once passed the allies would have a clear path to Berlin, save for two or three fortresses. But passing these border fortresses, manned by such soldiers as the German will be a herculean job. The southwest line, bordering on France, bristles more with stout defense than does the Belgium line, and the allies would have an easier, a more direct line on Berlin if they succeeded in hurling themselves through by way of Weasel and Cologne than by attempting entrance by way of Strassburg and many other fortifications down on the French border, in situated Alsace-Lorraine.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF INTEREST TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE WORLD.

President Wilson has given orders for the Americans to evacuate the Mexican city of Vera Cruz which has been held by them since April 21. The action is taken in view of the entire removal of circumstances which were thought to justify occupation.

The corporation commission ruled against the Southern Railway in the action of Craven and Holman, lumbermen, of Ridgeway, who declined to sign one of the Southern's contracts in the placing of a spur track on the Craven and Holman lands. The clause which Craven and Holman protest was this: That it will indemnify and save harmless the railway company against any and all damage resulting from the negligence of the party of the second part, its servants and employees in and about said industrial track and the right of way therefor; and furthermore, against any and all claims demands, suits, judgments or sums of money according for loss or damage by locomotive, engines or trains of the railway company to buildings used by the party of the second part in connection with the business served by said industrial track, or to contents of such buildings, or to other property stored by or with the consent of the party of the second part upon or near said industrial track."

A petition by the eastern railroads has been filed with Interstate Commerce Commission asking for a rehearing of the case relative to increased rates. The roads contend that they are facing an "extremely serious" emergency resulting from diminished revenue and aggravated by the war with Europe.

Confirmation Wednesday by Consular Agent Sillman at Mexico City of the taking over of the Mexican National railway by the Carranza government, has caused quite a stir in Washington.

Treaties between the United States, Great Britain, France, Spain and China have been signed by Secretary Bryan. The Washington government believes that these treaties will make armed conflict between the United States and the nations named, an impossibility. They provide that all disputes which cannot be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted to a permanent commission for one year.

Twenty-seven persons were drowned early Tuesday when a St. Louis and San Francisco westbound passenger train plunged into a cloudburst 2 miles west of Lebanon, Mo., and two passenger cars toppled into a gully swollen with water.

Abandoning the proposed tax on freight transportation, the Democrats of the House caucus have agreed to a war revenue measure to include the Spanish war tax on commercial and legal papers, the Spanish war tax on bankers and brokers, a tax on theaters and other amusement places, a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline, special tax on tobacco manufacturers and dealers, and a tax on domestic wines and beer.

The Memorial Home, the new orphanage of the North Carolina Baptists, at Falling Creek, six miles from Kinston, was opened with appropriate exercises Tuesday morning. Baptist were there from nearly every section of North Carolina.

The machinery for the textile building of the A. & M. College has arrived and is being placed rapidly. This work is being done by the students of that college and affords them a form of instruction that has not been in the course. This machinery was secured from the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical college on account of that institution abolishing the textile course from their roster. It comes to this institution on the same terms that the Mississippi school secured it; namely as an indefinite loan from the various manufacturers of it. The terms on it helps this department out wonderfully as no appropriation has ever been made by the legislature for the textile building which had to be replaced on account of fire destroying the former one last March.

President Wilson was notified Tuesday that the United Mine Workers of America had accepted the tentative basis for the settlement of the Colorado strike submitted by the President last week. In a letter to the President, the miners' executive officers said their acceptance of the settlement plan was conditioned upon action by the convention of the Colorado branch of the organization meeting Tuesday at Trinidad. The heads of the mine companies involved notified the President they are carefully considering the tentative agreement sent to both parties to the controversy last week.

Six years ago when Bill Bergin was mayor of Thomasville there was inaugurated in that town a day which has been known since as "Everybody's Day." This is one of the biggest days in Thomasville during the entire year, and is to be observed again this year. The first Saturday in October is the day for it.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENS

PROSPECTS FOR THE YEAR'S WORK ARE VERY BRIGHT—ENROLLMENT LARGE—LARGE ATTENDANCE AT OPENING BY CITIZENS OF THE TOWN.

The Asheboro Graded School opened yesterday morning with a promising outlook for the year's work. The large auditorium was filled with visitors. It was an encouraging sign to see so many of the citizens of the town and patrons of the school present. The following townspeople made interesting talks in which much helpful advice along educational lines was given: Col. A. C. McAlister, Revs. C. L. Whitaker, J. E. Thompson, R. E. Powell, Messrs. W. J. Armfield and Wm. C. Hammer. Rev. C. L. Whitaker conducted devotional exercises. Prof. Teague spoke interestingly of his plans for the work.

Prof. Teague is a Randolph county boy, a graduate of the State University and is a licensed attorney, having recently passed the State Board. He also has three brothers who were graduates of the University and are making good in their chosen professions.

The teachers for the different grades are as follows:

- First—Miss McCloud.
- Second—Miss Burgess.
- Third—Miss Miller.
- Fourth—Miss Parrish.
- Fifth—Miss Phillips.
- Sixth—Miss Fentress.
- Seventh—Miss Barnes.
- Eighth—Miss Youngs.
- Ninth—Miss Lamb.
- Tenth—Prof. Teague.

At the time The Courier went to press it was unable to secure the enrollment by grades. This will be arranged for next week. An estimate of the total enrollment furnished The Courier was over four hundred.

NEW M. E. CHURCH AT COLERIDGE

Handsome Structure Costing \$6,000 Has Been Built Under the Pastorate of Rev. R. L. Melton.

While at Coleridge Monday The Courier representative was shown over the new M. E. church which has just been completed at a cost of \$6,000. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Melton, took great pleasure in explaining the plans under which the church was built. Mr. Melton points with pride to the handsome structure which stands as a monument to his four years pastorate on the Coleridge circuit. According to the laws of his church he will be sent to another field of labor in November as no pastor is allowed to serve more than four years at a time on the same charge. It doesn't seem hardly right to send a minister away just at the time when he is ready to begin preaching in a handsome church which has been built entirely under his ministry.

This church has just been seated with individual cherry colored chair seats at a cost of \$700. The Sunday School auditorium is 29x30 feet and is surrounded by nine large class rooms. The main auditorium is 60x50 and has an annex 10x40 for pastor's study and cloak room. The building funds have all been raised and the church is free from debt with the exception of the cost of the seats and this amount is in sight. Concord is the name of the church and the present structure is the fourth of that name that has been built.

THE BATTLE OF THE MARNE

Terrible Struggle Between the Allies and the Germans—German Victories Reported in East Prussia.

The battle of the Marne is the name given by the French to the great struggle which has been in progress for more than a week in the territory between Paris and Verdun, with the allied armies of France and England on one side and the Germans on the other.

A comprehensive French report shows that General Von Kluck, the German commander, got farther east and south of Paris than heretofore had been disclosed, so that his advance was even faster than he was given credit for making. It seems that had the German armies on his left moved anywhere nearly as quickly as he did, the battle of the Marne might never have been fought.

However, faced by a British-French force, and with another French force advancing from Paris threatening his flank and his communication, General Von Kluck was forced to withdraw northward and then fight the French on the river Ourcq. In this fighting, according to the British-French reports, a number of German guns, hundreds of prisoners and part of the German transports were taken.

BETTER BABIES CONTEST

For North Carolina State Fair—500 Babies Expected.

Plans have been made for a Better Babies Contest to be held at the State Fair, Raleigh, October 20-23. In connection with this will be a health exhibit, and an effort is being made to secure a lecture room where doctors and health officers will give lectures and demonstrations on all phases of the care and feeding of babies. Parents wishing to enter their babies in the contest will file their applications with the State Board of Health, Raleigh, before October 15.

BARACA CLASS ORGANIZED

YOUNG MEN OF THE M. E. CHURCH PLAN TO DO MORE AND BETTER WORK IN THE FUTURE—OFFICERS ELECTED

The young men's class of the M. E. Church, South, Sunday School met in the church Tuesday evening at seven o'clock and formed a Baraca organization. For some time this class ran along without an organized system under which to work and it was decided to get in touch with the great army or organized young men of the United States. A number of young men were present and all were enthusiastic over the idea of working under an organized plan. The following officers were elected: President, A. W. Cline; first vice-president, B. F. Brittain; second vice-president, Carl Page; secretary, J. E. Mendenhall; treasurer, E. L. Hedrick. The different committees will be appointed Sunday morning and some other important business brought before the class. Every member of the old class is especially urged to be present on time Sunday morning and bring a new member with him.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN MAINE

Curtis Next Governor and Majority on Joint Ballot in Legislature.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 15.—Unofficial returns from yesterday's State election, covering all but a few small towns, give Oakley C. Curtis, Democratic candidate for Governor, a lead of 3,300 over Gov. William T. Haines, his Republican opponent.

Complete unofficial returns for the State Legislature show that the Republicans will have a majority of three in the Senate and the Democrats a majority of five in the lower branch and two on joint ballot.

JUNIOR REPUBLIC TO BE ESTABLISHED NEAR MT. GILEAD.

An institution that has for its object the reformation of the wayward boy, the training of the industrious youth, and the education of the studious lad is soon to be launched at Mt. Gilead under the name, Junior Settlement, Incorporated. The idea was developed and the movement put on foot by Dr. Oscar Haywood, a native of Montgomery county, at present pastor to one of the prominent churches of New York City.

The Junior Settlement, Incorporated, is to be a village community whose citizens are boys 16 to 21 years of age, and is to be located four miles east of Mt. Gilead on the 700-acre farm of Dr. Haywood, by whom the settlement is being founded in memory of his father, William Haywood, one of the pioneer settlers in that community.

The settlement is to be a miniature republic, similar to the George Junior Republic near Ithaca, New York. Its citizens will make and enforce their own laws, having their own legislatures, courts of justice, and even a jail. It will likewise have a president, judge, policemen and other officers. Every boy in the settlement will be a bona fide citizen and will have all the rights thereof, including the ballot. The government is not to be unlike the government of the student body in colleges where the honor system prevails.

Although the settlement is to be self-governing in itself, yet it will be managed from without by a board of trustees whose duties will be the same as those of any other board of trustees.

NEW RECRUIT FOR HOOKWORM FORCE

The Hookworm Bureau of the State Board of Health announces the addition of another member to its force in the person of Dr. W. H. Kibler, of Morganton, N. C. He has had several years experience in teaching scientific subjects in various schools in the state, and brings to the force a hearty sympathy for matters pertaining to rural sanitation and preventive medicine in general. Dr. Kibler has selected the Mount Pleasant community in Nash county, where he this week begins his work.

HOW TUBERCULAR PATIENTS GAIN 100 POUNDS A WEEK

From 80 to 90 tubercular patients at the State Tubercular Sanatorium are gaining 100 to 120 pounds a week. Consumption is a wasting disease, and as long as it progresses the victim loses flesh. When the patient begins to improve, one of the first symptoms is a gain in weight. A gain in weight means that not only is the course of the disease halted, but that the tide of the battle is completely reversed, that tubercle bacilli are on the run and that the physical condition of the body is being rapidly improved. The total gain of all the patients amounts to 100 to 120 pounds a week.

BEGIN DOUBLE TRACKING

Despite the expected money stringency on account of the war, the Southern Railway is going on with double tracking in this state. Last Monday work was begun on the stretch of road from Greensboro to Belham, a distance of about thirty-seven miles.