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HUNS ARE ON THE RUN

PERONNE, THE LAST IMPORTANT TOWN IN GERMAN HANDS ON SOMME, NOW HELD BY ALLIES ENEMY NOT ABLE TO STOP ALLIES ANYWHERE

The allies are dealing the Germans most serious blows and her doom is foretold. The allies continue their rapid advance and the enemy is unable to stop them.

In Paris it is officially announced that allied forces have taken 128,302 prisoners on the western front since July 15.

The British have penetrated the vitally important Drocourt-Queant switch of the Hindenburg line, according to reports from the battlefield this week.

The British advance along the Cambrai-Bapaume road is continuing. On this road the British are approaching the village of Beugny, nearly 4 miles northeast of Bapaume. It is not yet definitely reported captured.

A large number of prisoners were taken in this forward move against stubborn resistance. The Germans had seven divisions massed on a front of five miles in this area.

The taking of the Drocourt-Queant line, in which tanks co-operated, is considered of enormous importance, if the British can maintain their gains. Very heavy fighting is expected, but it will be open fighting and considered likely to be costly for the enemy.

The British not only maintained their positions but rushed still farther and captured Tuesday morning 10,000 prisoners.

Péronne, the railroad center at the bend of the River Somme, taken by the Germans in their offensive of last March, was recaptured Sunday by the forces of Field Marshal Haig. The towns of Bullecourt and Morval also were captured by the British.

All along the western battle front, reports the Associated Press, the Germans continue to give ground before the entente allies. Daily the trend of events accentuate the insecurity of the German lines and the inability of the German high command to hold back the aggressors.

Where two months ago great salients projected into the allied front, these have either been flattened or are in the process of being blotted out and in some instances the allies themselves have driven in wedges that seriously menace the enemy.

With the Marne and Picardy sectors now virtually all reclaimed, the wings of the present allied offensive are moving in a manner that bodes ill to the Germans. In the north, the wing on the Lys salient southwest of Ypres is being advanced under voluntary retirements and the pressure of Field Marshal Haig's forces. Following the fall of Kemmel, the allied line has been moved further forward until it now rests almost upon the Estaires-LaBasse road, less than seven miles southwest of Armentières. By the wiping out of this salient the menace to the channel ports has been overcome.

On the southern wing, north of Soissons, the French and American troops are continuing their progress, notwithstanding the violent opposition of the enemy. The villages of Leury and Crecy-aux-Monts have been captured and, crossing the Ailette, a footing has been gained in the woods west of Coucy-le-Chateau, through which passes the railroad line running from Chauny to Laon. Large numbers of prisoners have been taken in these operations.

From Arras southward to the vicinity of Noyon, the British and French troops have made further remarkable gains, gauged both by the extent of the territory delivered from the enemy and its strategic importance for further maneuvers.

Péronne, the last important town in German hands on the Somme river, has been captured by the British, who have passed on eastward and northward with steady strides, notwithstanding the resistance of the enemy. Bouchaville and Rancourt and the high ground adjacent to them also are British, and Field Marshal Haig's men have arrived at the outskirts of the St. Pierre-Vaux wood. Farther to the north other towns have been taken, including Bullecourt, which last week changed hands several times in violent battles. The Canadians and Australians were in the forefront of the maneuvers throughout this region and did gallant work. Considerably more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken by the British and a few guns have also been captured.

To the south where the French are operating against the Germans along the Canal du Nord there have been violent artillery duels. Seven miles south of Péronne at Epenancourt the French have forced another crossing at the canal, and two miles northeast of Neale they have captured the village of Rouy-le-Letit.

Unofficial reports are to the effect that the British have reached the outskirts of Lens, the famous coal mining town north of Arras, and that configurations are visible behind the lines in the neighborhood of Lens and as far as Armentières. These fires are taken as indication that it is the intention of the Germans to retreat in this general region. The German war office admits the relinquishment of territory between Ypres and LaBasse, declaring that the movement was for the purpose of shortening the German line and that it was carried out without the knowledge of the British.

American troops advancing alongside British have had their first battle

HERE AND THERE

WHAT OUR FIELD CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP OVER THE COUNTY

A slacker is not worthy of citizenship.

A War Savings Stamp will give the Kaiser a bump.

Deep grief and enduring pride enter American homes with the casualty lists.

Mr. George Black, a good citizen of the Franklinville section, was in Asheboro a few days ago.

Mr. Nathan Sheffield, of Randleman, has purchased the Pickett farm near Worthville.

Look up the Republican county platform for 1916 and see what it has to say about a new county home. Be in the coming election.

Mr. J. L. Bray, a good farmer, of Ramsey Route 1, was in Asheboro last Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Russell, of Franklinville Route 1, was in Asheboro one day this week.

Mr. P. C. Story, superintendent of the Deep River Mills, of Randleman, and Mr. A. B. Beasley, cashier of the Peoples Bank, of Randleman, were in Asheboro a few days ago.

It is said that if as much as 1,500 acres of tobacco is planted in Randolph county next year there will be little difficulty in securing a warehouse for Asheboro. This means nothing, less than a new industry for the county and one that will help every line of business.

In order to determine what can be done toward securing a warehouse and adequate acreage for the crop in this county it is suggested that the farmers and business men get together and discuss the situation. It is probable that if any organized effort is made to enlist interest in this new industry it will go from the start with enthusiasm and profit.

The situation now is one that needs only a little intelligent leadership to bring the farmer together and get the work started. There are other days coming. Politicians who are so active in behalf of some registrants in this county are only digging their political graves.

Let us make this a community of people with one aim and one great purpose, to make it better and bigger in every way, materially, morally, religiously. If you hold a grudge against your neighbor, lose it, speak gently and use the soft pedal. Be a builder, not one who tears down.

We are glad to see Cedar Falls growing so rapidly. All the houses in the place are full and more would be if they were available. Some building is going on and we feel much more will be done if Cedar Falls is to grow, and we are sure the town is awake to the necessity and opportunity.

The Allies recently have captured many towns and villages with unpronounceable names, but they sound good to us, just the same.

Mrs. G. W. Cole and children have returned from Snow Camp.

Mr. W. R. Lassiter, a prominent citizen of Randleman, gave us a pleasant call one day last week.

Mr. Clark Pugh, of Millboro Route 1, was in Asheboro a few days ago.

Since labor is getting so scarce the farmers in different communities would do well to organize and buy tractors to do their plowing. A tractor would prove a good investment for any group of farmers.

It is justly claimed that this should be an off-year in politics, as the prosecution of the war is the first duty of every citizen, but for all that every candidate on the Democratic ticket should be diligent in doing quiet electioneering and see to it that his political fences are in order. The State and county tickets are composed of reliable men, and our U. S. Senator and Representative of the Seventh District have served well and should be returned by very decided majorities. However, care should be kept lest through over-confidence of a Republican should be able to creep into the fold here and there. This is a Democratic State. A Democratic Congressional District, and the good old county of Randolph will fall back into the Democratic column in November. We really need a Democratic administration more in a time of war than in a time of peace. Let the Democratic candidates be active and make assurance doubly sure.

Cash-in-advance is the only business like method of handling subscriptions and, though the majority of newspaper publishers are well aware of this fact, many of them, like The Courier, have not adhered to it strictly because they were not made to do so. Now it becomes a necessity. The War Industries Board has issued very explicit orders to newspapers for the conservation of newsprint. Weeklies are told that they must reduce their consumption at least 15 per cent. All newspapers are ordered to discontinue copies to subscribers at expiration of subscription. Failure to do so places the paper on the "black list" with no assurance of being able to buy paper, ink or coal. There is no alternative—either newspapers must obey or run chances at getting supplies to keep running at all. The Courier expects to obey the order.

Mr. A. C. Frazier, who lives near Randleman, was in Asheboro one day last week.

Begin to get things in shape for the next Liberty Loan campaign. As the man at the circus says, "have your

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REGISTRATION DAY SEPTEMBER 12

WILSON'S DRAFT CALL PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE YOUNG SOLDIERS OF THE U. S.

President Wilson's proclamation setting the day for the new draft reads as follows:

Fifteen months ago the men of the country from twenty-one to thirty-one years of age registered. Three months ago and again this month those who had just reached the age of twenty-one were added. It now remains to include all men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

This is not a new policy. A century and a quarter ago it was deliberately ordained by those who were then responsible for the safety and defense of the Nation that the duty of military service should rest upon all able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five. We now accept and fulfill the obligation which they established, an obligation expressed in our national statutes from that time until now. We solemnly purpose a decisive victory of arms and deliberately to devote the larger part of the military man power of the nation to the accomplishment of that purpose.

The younger men have from the first been ready to go. They have furnished voluntary enlistments out of all proportions to their numbers. Our military authorities regard them as having the highest combatant qualities. Their youthful enthusiasm, their virile eagerness, their gallant spirit of daring, make them the admiration of all who see them in action. They covet not only the distinction of serving in this great war but also the inspiring memories which hundreds of thousands of them will cherish through the years to come of a great day and a great service for their country and for mankind.

By the men of the older group now called on, the opportunity now opened to them will be accepted with the calm resolution of those who realize to the full the deep and solemn significance of what they do. Having made a place for themselves in their respective communities, having assumed at home the graver responsibilities of life in many spheres, looking back upon honorable records in civil and industrial life, they will realize, as perhaps no others could, how entirely their own fortunes and the fortunes of all whom they love are put at stake in this war for right, and will know that the very records they have made render this new duty the commanding duty of their lives. They know how surely this is the Nation's war, how imperatively it demands the mobilization and massing of all our resources of every kind. They will regard this call as the supreme call of their day and will answer it accordingly.

Only a portion of those who register will be called upon to bear arms. Those who are not physically fit will be excused; those exempted by alien allegiance; those who should not be relieved of their present responsibilities; above all, those who cannot be spared from the civil and industrial tasks at home upon which the success of our armies depends as much as upon the fighting at the front. But all must be registered in order that the selection for military service may be made intelligently and with full information.

This will be our final demonstration of loyalty, democracy and the will to win, our solemn notice to all the world that we stand absolutely together in a common resolution and purpose. It is the call to duty to which every true man in the country will respond with pride and with the consciousness that in doing so he plays his part in vindication of a great cause at whose summons every true heart offers its supreme service.

RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 3.—The last past Sunday was featured by almost general observance here of the new order (or suggestion) of the fuel administration—to cut out Sunday joyrides in oil propelled cars and save the gasoline to help win the war—and the absence of the bedecked car and its hilarious occupants was a notable omission of the usual Sunday "sights" in this community.

Coming down Raleigh's principal business street after church services, one would think he had lost his bearings and wandered into the authors "deserted village," as far as parked automobiles were concerned—for usually they stretched from the capitol building to the Centennial graded school building (on the site Zeb Vance lived when he was the live-wire "War Governor" of North Carolina).

These expensive and luxurious toys of the church-goers here lined the curbing on both sides of the streets for hours, while the "professional churchman" and his family washed down some rather indigestible truths expounded from the pulpit a short time ago, ice cream, grape juice, ginger ale and other more or less soft drinks sold at the cafes and drug stores apparently have a wonderful soothing effect on the elastic consciences of some who deem it "good business" (especially when in business for yourself) to be a "shining light" in the temporal church organizations. These constitute but a small percentage (though even then often numerous and particularly "officers") of the larger number of devout and earnest men and women who constitute the church and the church spiritual, as a whole—and

no man need dare to charge me with "impiety" when I refuse to a class of "professional churchmen" after I have carefully taken their measure—unless he craves the publication of specifications, which are reasonably handy to get at when wanted.

But what I started to say, resuming the narrative, is that it was a beautiful display of patriotism on the part of many owners of automobiles, to obey this question of the fuel administration so promptly and so generally—even if there are some who wouldn't do it if they did not fear public opinion and the loss of customers at their places of business.

The pastor of one of the leading churches here on Sunday last emphasized the assertion that the order of things in general are being so changed by this war that they will never again be as they were even a year ago in this country. Let us hope that the "professional churchman" goes with the other base and bad things scheduled to depart.

Chairman Warren has opened up Democratic State headquarters here for the campaign. Many offices are to be filled at the November election. But the main thing is to see that the Wilson administration is not deprived of its Senate Finance committee chairman, Mr. Simmons and the ten North Carolina Congressmen who have stood solidly by the President.

T. J. Gordon, Monroe citizen dead.

The decomposed body of Mr. T. J. Gordon, a prominent citizen of Monroe was found hanging to a tree in the woods eight miles from Monroe on last Sunday. Mr. Gordon had been suffering from melancholia for several weeks. Apparently this was the only cause for suicide.

NORTH CAROLINIANS ON CASUALTY LIST

The following North Carolina casualty list has been reported from Washington since last Thursday:

Killed in action—Private Alpha Thigpen, Hallsville.

Wounded severely—Corporal William Welborn, Wilkesboro; Private Harrison W. Huffman, Gastonia.

Wounded (Degree undetermined)—Private Ernest Snow, Reidsville.

Died from accident and other causes—Wagoner Clayton W. Starr, Greensboro.

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Killed in action—Hammet D. Harris, Thomasville; Thomas L. Perry, Eure; Paul E. Shore, Winston-Salem.

Died of accident and other causes—Ephraim E. Jones, Rocky Mount.

Wounded severely—Murphy M. Matthews, Kipling.

One on marine corps casualty list—killed in action—Auburn D. Martin, East Bend.

Killed in action—Leslie Stillman, Andrews; Bidwell Loftin, Long Shoals, R. F. D., 6; Paul Stallings, Belvidere.

Wounded severely—Clarence Digh, Bostie, R. F. D.; Eugene W. Strayhorn, University.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Lieut. William T. Williams, Murphy; Malcolm Landon McIver, Jonesboro, R. F. D. 2.

Killed in action—Roland Harrell, (private), Aulander, Robert C. Williamson, (private), Winston-Salem.

Died of wounds—Private Melvin McDeese, Monroe, R. F. D. 7.

Died of disease—Private Jesse Capers, Durham.

Wounded severely—Ralph L. Clark, (private), Swannanoa; Henry N. McLaughlin, (private), Elisee; Virgil F. Miller, (private), Silvan; Eustace M. Yates, (private), Merry Oaks.

Wounded—Corporal Robert B. Cletcher, Durham; Wm. F. Hazlip, (private), Spray; Fred C. Cabe, (private), Canton.

Charlie F. Ritchie, (private), Knightdale R. F. D. No. 1, wounded severely.

Fred L. Webb, (private), Marble wounded severely.

John Wilson, (cook), Charlotte, missing in action.

Moody I. Kern, (private), Ether, a second casualty list reported today is as follows:

Jonathan Taylor, (private), Windsor, killed in action.

Lester E. Wall, (corporal), East Bend R. F. D. No. 2, wounded severely.

James L. Cushing, (private), Rosemary, wounded severely.

George Houck, (private), Baldwin, wounded severely.

Clarence L. Walters, (private), Winston-Salem, wounded severely.

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Killed in action—Private Jonathan Taylor, Windsor.

Wounded severely—Corporal Thad M. Carlton, Woodruff; Corporal Lester R. Wall, East Bend; Private Jas. L. Cushing, Rosemary; Private Walter L. Jones, Franklinville; Private George Rourke, Baldwin; Private Clarence L. Waters, Winston-Salem; Private Charlie F. Ritchie, New London; Private Howard Robertson, Knightdale; Private Charlie M. Williams, North Charlotte; Private Fred L. Webb, Marble.

Missing in action—Private Moody I. Kerns, Ether.

Wounded in action (degree undetermined)—Cook John Wilson, Charlotte.

Wounded severely—Sergeant Lonnie C. R. Tucker, Monroe.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Kirby W. Hunt, Bostie.

Liberty School Opens Sept. 17th

Liberty public high school will open Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 1918.

The Courier is in receipt of a copy of the handsome catalogue of the school. There are several interesting and attractive features to the announcements for next session, among them being the addition of the eleventh grade and the introduction of a course in teacher-training based upon the North Carolina Teachers' Reading Circle. Prof. Holt was in town Monday and says that prospects for next year are good despite the fact that many of the young men who would attend high school will be called to the colors soon.

Sunday School Institute Greensboro

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The Sunday School Institute of the Methodist Church of the Greensboro District will meet in Greensboro on September 18th, at the Centenary Church. Prof. O. V. Woosely, Sunday School Secretary for the Western District of North Carolina Conference, will direct the institute.

Editorials

Y. M. C. A. Work

The building and physical directors of the Y. M. C. A. of the 45 camps in the southeastern department will meet at Black Mountain, N. C., from August 28 to September 20 inclusive. The conference will be in two divisions, half of the building directors of the department from August 29 to September 8, and the remaining of the building directors and the camp directors from September 10 to September 20.

At the same time, a school of instruction will be conducted for the physical directors recently recruited. This is the first school of instruction in war work for physical directors ever conducted in the southeastern department.

Some of the most prominent men in the department, experts in their particular field of endeavor will deliver lectures or conduct the courses of instruction.

CASH IN ADVANCE

The United States War Industries Board has issued order placing newspapers in a preferred class to receive materials necessary for their publication, providing the newspapers conform to certain requirements.

One of these requirements directly concerns the subscribers. The Asheboro Courier, limiting the sending of the paper only to those who keep their subscriptions paid in advance.

The War Industries Board will not permit those from whom paper and other materials necessary in the publication of The Courier to furnish these materials unless order of the Board is fully complied with.

The order is effective in the month of September. No further notice will be given to subscribers. There is a printed label on each subscription paper that shows how each subscriber stands; the date of this label being the date to which the subscriber has paid. Each subscriber is requested to pay in advance BEFORE OCTOBER 1. The Courier does not want to lose or cut off any subscribers, but can take no chances of being cut off from materials necessary for publication of the newspaper.

The Government has made this request, and the management of The Courier has agreed to comply and obey without murmur every request of the Government.

The Courier is not saying how long for you to pay in advance, but each subscriber must be kept paid in advance, and there will be only enough newspapers printed each week to supply subscribers who have paid in advance, and each one is asked to pay immediately and not wait until the last minute to get their subscriptions in shape.

Most of The Courier subscribers are paid in advance, and those who are not paid in advance will no doubt pay promptly and without murmur.

These are extraordinary times, is the only reason The Courier offers for adopting this rule.

The War Industries Board says every newspaper should adopt this rule, and all will agree that it is the duty of every one to conform to these requirements and obey instructions.

In remitting, send checks, stamps or money orders to THE COURIER, Lock Drawer 428, Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Walter Gobel, Ramseur Boy Killed in France

News of the death of Walter Gobel who was killed in action in France recently reached Ramseur a few days ago. Mr. Gobel was the son of the late Ben Gobel who died several years ago. Mrs. Gobel, the young man's mother, died last year. He enlisted in the army soon afterward and has been in France for several months. Mrs. Gobel's grandmother, Mrs. King, of Ramseur, survives him. He was twenty-two years of age.

SELECTMEN SENT TO CAMPS

The following men left for Camp Greene last Friday for training in Uncle Sam's great army:

Also Clifford Williams, Seagrave. Albert C. Frazier, Randleman. Marvin Robert Benn, Moffitt. Carmelius Pearce, Caraway.

The following left Saturday for special training at the University of South Carolina, at Columbia:

Ambrose Franklin Lowdermilk, Seagrave. Harrison Peace, Trinity. Wendel Richardson, Seagrave. Whitson Elliott, Farmer.

Whitney Prossell, Seagrave. John F. Rockett, Randleman. Arthur Cecil York, Ramseur.

The following registrants left Saturday for Camp Gordon, to enter an officers' training school:

Robert Chapman Hall, Randleman. Paul McPherson, Liberty. Weldon N. Campbell, Ramseur. Harvey P. Deane, Liberty.