

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

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BULGARIA ASKS FRENCH FOR ARMISTICE; ALLIED OFFENSIVES GROW STRONGER

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FRENCH CAPTURE MORE GROUND IN ATTACK

Paris, Sept. 27.—Successful development of the French offensive begun yesterday in Champagne is reported by the French war office today. Over the entire field attacked by the French between the river Suippe and Argonne forest the formidable German positions of a depth of more than three miles were brilliantly carried out. The French have captured the Butte du Mesnil, the Butte du Souin, the Butte du Tahure, and the villages of Tarnure, Ripont, Rouvroy, Cernay-en-Dormois and Servon-Meizicourt. More than 7,000 prisoners were taken by the French. The French forces resumed their attack this morning and despite unfavorable weather conditions satisfactory progress is reported.

BRITISH ATTACK HUNS ON WIDE FRONT

By the Associated Press. London, Sept. 27.—The British attacked on a wide front south of the Sensee river this morning, according to a report from Field Marshal Haig. First reports indicate that satisfactory progress is being made.

SURGICAL DRESSING MATERIAL IS HERE

The allotment of the Hickory Red Cross chapter, surgical dressing department, has arrived and the work room will be open Monday afternoon at 2:30 and every afternoon thereafter until further notice. The work room is in the Sunday school of the Episcopal church and the ladies, whether they took the course or not, are invited to help. The 18 women who took the course under Mrs. T. A. Mott will be instructor or expert workers. All women who will assist are required to wear a long-sleeved white apron that covers the dress and the regulation Red Cross head covering, with the cross removed. Persons who wish to help before making their aprons can wear a bungalow apron. The allotment received for the work includes a case of large cotton pads and of smaller pads. It will take about 30 days, it is thought, to finish this work. It is urged that no worker remain away because of a mistaken notion that the surgical dressing was for the 18 women who took the course. They simply will be expert workers and will instruct others how to perform the tasks. They will be scattered about the room and can be called on freely.

BRITISH ADVANCE INSPITE OF RAINFALL

By the Associated Press. British Headquarters in France, Sept. 27.—(Reuters).—Field Marshal Haig's forces attacked the Germans on a wide front this morning. A heavy rain falling during the early hours made the work of assembly more difficult but before some time before "zero" all the troops were in position, the rain had ceased and had been replaced by thick haze which assisted in bewildering the enemy. About nine German divisions (122,000 men) are understood to be opposing Haig's men. So far the battle seems to be going well for the British. At 9:30 this morning the British appeared to have crossed the Canal du Nord on a front of three miles and to have advanced to a maximum depth of 1-2 miles.

BAKER SEES FIGHT BEGIN IN FRANCE

By the Associated Press. With the American Army on the Champagne front, Sept. 26.—8:30 P. M.—Secretary Baker witnessed the beginning of the American drive along the front from Verdun this morning. Some time after the German lines had been bombarded with high explosive and gas shells, the Americans went over the top.

CHILE TO SEIZE SOME GERMAN VESSELS

By the Associated Press. Santiago, Chile, Thursday, Sept. 26.—The Chilean government tonight ordered the naval forces to occupy all the interned German ships in Chilean harbors.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR LIBERTY DRIVE

Plans for advertising the Fourth Liberty Loan throughout Hickory and the county are being definitely made by the committees that have this work in charge. One means of reaching each home in Hickory will be the house to house canvass; another the writing of essays on the subject "Liberty Loan" by the children of the graded schools. Four minute talks will be given each evening at the moving picture theatre, and Sunday October 6 will be observed as Hero's Day. Patriotic sermons will be preached in the churches by the ministers on that day. Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., assisted by a corps of workers, has distributed placards and posters advertising the loan throughout the business section and principal thoroughfares of Hickory. A large representation of the people from the county is expected to Newton Saturday for the opening of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive. The address by Mr. James H. Pou of Raleigh will be the feature of the rally, but the committee in charge has planned other things of interest. MRS. T. C. BLACKBURN, Publicity Chairman.

FRANCO-AMERICAN THRUST IS FOLLOWED BY BRITISH

While Forces of Pershing and Petain Continue Drive, British Under Haig Hit Line at Cambrai—French Capture 7,000 Prisoners—Features of Battles On All Fronts.

READY FOR BIG SPEAKING AT NEWTON

Catawba county people were ready today for the inauguration of the fourth Liberty Loan and all eyes were looking towards Newton where James H. Pou of Raleigh will speak tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and where patriotic exercises will be held. The event has been advertised far and near and every man and woman in the county has heard of Mr. Pou's ability as a speaker. Hundreds will hear him tomorrow. Headed by a band, the parade will consist of Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, college students, school children, automobiles, a float of the Woman's Club of Newton, Daughters of the Confederacy and other organizations. Hickory will join Newton, Conover and other towns in making the event a success. All Catawba citizens are invited. Mr. Frank L. Moose, who recently underwent an operation is getting along nicely, his friends will be glad to learn.

Under allied smashes on two wide fronts between Arras and Verdun, the German defensive system based on the fortress of Laon is being crushed. Marshal Foch, while continuing the successful Franco-American thrust from east of Rheims to Verdun has hurled the British against the German lines north of Cambrai on the front south of the Sensee river. Allied successes in Macedonia have resulted in an armistice being asked by the Bulgarians to the allied generalissimo. The allied commander has refused to stop fighting and said he would receive the qualified Bulgarian delegates. Meanwhile the allied forces are pushing farther apart the divided German-Bulgarian armies. From the new line reached Thursday night the merican forces between the Argonne and the Meuse continued to press through the wooded country. The Americans are well beyond the original German lines and are pushing forward on this front. A light rain fell this morning obscuring observations. West of the Argonne to the Suippe the French have advanced more than 3 1-2 miles and taken and passed beyond formidable German defense points, including the famous Navarin farm, the Butte du Tahure and Butte du Mesnil. General Petain's men took more than 7,000 prisoners, who with the 5,000 taken by the Americans bring the allied total up to 12,000. In the Argonne forest itself the allies are apparently making little effort to move northward. The forest will be automatically taken as the allies advance on either side. Already the Germans, facing the French in the forest, have been outflanked on the east. The new British attack launched this morning is north of the scene of the operations last fortnight and threatens the German defenses north and south of Cambrai. North of the Sensee river the British are well within the Hindenburg defenses.

WON'T FIX PRICE COTTON FOR PRESENT

The war cotton committee on cotton fixing has announced today that it will not recommend a price for cotton at present time nor will it recommend it in any event. The committee has expressed its opinion that the cotton market is being stabilized by the cotton exchange and that any changes in price would be the result of legitimate market conditions.

16,000 Huns Are Captured

By the Associated Press. London, Sept. 27.—The number of Germans captured by the French and Americans in their drive in Champagne and to the east exceed 16,000, according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

GUS AND MIKE TO DRIVE BIG TRUCKS

Messrs. W. A. Self and A. A. Whitener will drive two big trucks to Newton tomorrow afternoon for the speech of Mr. James H. Pou. Mr. A. A. Shuford, who offered these trucks, secured these two lawyers to drive them, and they will make a pair. No speeding will be allowed, however. The trucks will accommodate about 45 persons and all that can get aboard will be carried free of charge. The vehicles will leave the First National Bank at 1:30 and will reach Newton in plenty of time for the speaking.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Saturday probably rain; fresh northeast winds on the coast.

THESE OLD BOYS ARE MOVING SOME

By the Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 27.—11:30 A. M.—Reports at this hour from the battle front in the Champagne and Meuse rivers indicate that the attack of the French and American forces is progressing under the most favorable conditions. General Gouraud's fourth army in the Champagne resumed its advance from the positions occupied yesterday. The assault is progressing satisfactorily. The prisoners captured by the French today have not yet been counted.

SOME MORE BULGARS ARE COMING RIGHT

By the Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 27.—The allied troops have captured more than 10,000 Bulgarians, says an official Serbian statement.

PRUSSIAN MINISTER OF WAR MAY QUIT

By the Associated Press. London, Sept. 27.—Lieut. General von Stein, the Prussian war minister, is reported to have resigned, according to advices to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen.

Today's Casualty List

Washington, Sept. 27.—Two army casualty lists issued for publication today show: Killed in action 171, Missing in action 176, Wounded severely 154, Died from wounds 119, Died from airplane accident 1, Died from accident and other causes 12, Died of disease 21, Wounded degree undetermined 3, Wounded slightly 5. Total 604.

The lists include the following from North Carolina: Killed in action: Privates John S. Doty of Clemmons route 1 and Carl Driver of Raleigh. Died of disease: Private Thomas H. Mitchell of Lillington. Died from accident and other causes: George W. Allred of Franklinville. Wounded severely: Sergeant Raleigh R. Wall of Henrietta, Corporal William Fred Ballard of Alexia, Privates Lawson T. Munday of Taylorsville, Robert E. Paris of Winston-Salem route 6, and Joseph D. Porter of North Wilkesboro route 2.

Wm. S. HART AT PASTIME SATURDAY

The program at the Pastime Saturday will be that big Artcraft Star Wm. S. Hart in "The Tiger Man." A good old-time Indian fight is one of the features of this thrilling William S. Hart picture, and needless to say the star is right in the middle of everything. The story is one which concerns a band of emigrants traveling to the far west, who become stranded on the desert for lack of water. Hawk Parsons saves them for the sake of the wife of the itinerant minister in the party and then coming to a realization of what he has done, gives the girl back to her husband's arms, and himself to the hands of the waiting posse. You will enjoy it to the utmost.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Sept. 27.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness during today's early trading, owing to the higher cables, rumors showing favorable political developments abroad. Active months sold 42 to 55 points above last night's closing figures before the end of the first hour. The close was nervous. Close October 32.75, 33.90, December 32.28, 33.36, January 32.15, 33.00, March 32.12, 32.85, May 32.05, 32.75, Hickory Cotton 32c.

Bulgars On Way to Talk

DRAW NUMBERS IN NEW DRAFT MONDAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 27.—Monday, September 30, was set by Provost Marshal General Crowder today as the date for the national draft lobby to determine the order in which registrants will be called to the colors. The drawing will take place publicly at the senate office building and the numbers will be given to the press and the public by the district draft boards as promptly as they can be transmitted. It will be necessary at this time to draw one at a time approximately 17,000 capsules containing the serial numbers and it will require about 26 hours to complete the drawing.

BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

Mr. J. S. Whitener who lives in the Grace church neighborhood, was among the first persons to subscribe for the fourth Liberty loan. He was in town this morning and left with the First National Bank a subscription for \$1,000. He has subscribed to the three first loans, is a buyer of War Stamps, and is doing everything possible to help win the war. He is a splendid farmer and patriot.

HANNIBAL-NAPOLEON FEATS IMPROVED ON

By the Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 27.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian author-aviator, arrived in Paris this morning in an airplane flying from Italy across the Alps.

WILSON TO SPEAK

By the Associated Press. New York, Sept. 27.—President Wilson arrived here this afternoon. He is to open the fourth Liberty loan campaign tonight.

BICKETT COMING TO HICKORY TUESDAY

Governor Bickett will speak in Hickory Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the interest of the fourth Liberty loan. The place has not been selected yet, but it will be announced in plenty of time. People from all over the county and from parts of Burke, Caldwell, Lincoln and Alexander counties are expected. All are invited. Mr. W. A. Self at noon today received a telephone message from the governor announcing that he could come, and plans will be made to give him a fine crowd. He is in the western part of the state speaking for his country.

Enemy Wary of Big Attack

By the Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Thursday, Sept. 26.—Last night's bombardment of the German lines preparatory to the attack begun this morning was a magnificent spectacle. It was a cloudless night and thousands of guns firing simultaneously lit the skies like fire flies. For six hours the roll of the cannon—like the roll of a giant drum, continued without cessation. The enemy was reported to have been suspicious of an attack, but was uncertain as to where it would come and was watching this front closely. During the 48 hours preceding the attack, he had increased his reserves in this region from four to 23 divisions.

Serbs Take Other Towns

By the Associated Press. London, Sept. 27.—In the successful continuation of their drive northward the Serbs have entered Ish-tib and captured other strong points. A great number of additional Bulgarian and German have been captured by the Serbs, who also have taken large quantities of war supplies. The Serbs are west of the Ish-tib-Veles road and have captured the height of Bogoslovet, south of the road. North of Demirkapu in the direction of the Bulgarian border the Serbs have captured the ridge of Beli Kamen. Serbian cavalry has entered Kochana, 20 miles northeast of Ish-tib, and 14 miles from the Bulgarian border, southwest of the important rail head of Kustendil.