

## French Only 4 Miles From St. Quentin; Hold Crozat Canal

### BRITISH ATTACKING HINDENBURG LINE SOUTHEAST HAVRINCOURT WOOD; HEAVY ARTILLERY CONCENTRATED BY GERMANS

Occupation of LaFere Probable—Huns Making Every Preparation to Defend St. Quentin and Laon—Former Successfully Held Against Allies Last Year—Big Guns Parked North of Craonne—Haig's Patrols Continue to Advance—Artillery on Arras-Cambrai Highway and Elsewhere—Hostile Raid Repelled by French—Vermand and Vendelles Taken

(By the United Press)

With the British Armies, Sept. 9.—The French are at the gates of LaFere, which is still in flames. The fall of this bastion of the Hindenburg line, which the Allies were unable to occupy in 1917, is probable.

#### TIDE FLOWS STEADILY.

London, Sept. 9 (12:50 p. m.)—The British are attacking Gouzeaucourt, on the Hindenburg line southeast of Havrincourt wood. Patrols have occupied Vermand, six miles northwest of St. Quentin, and Vendelles, north of Vermand. The British have reached the western and northwestern edges of Epehy, four miles south of Gouzeaucourt. Patrols are reported to have passed through the village. The French are now only four miles from St. Quentin. Cavalry patrols close to LaFere hold Crozat Canal for practically its whole length.

#### HUNS PREPARE TO STAND.

London, Sept. 9.—The Germans are making every preparation to defend St. Quentin and Laon against the advancing Allies. French troops are arriving within striking distance of St. Quentin. They are reported close to LaFere, strong point on the Hindenburg line defense system. A German concentration of heavy guns has been observed north of Craonne (on the line between Rheims and Laon) and just above Chemin-Des-Dames).

#### LAFERE DOOMED.

Paris, Sept. 9.—French forces have reached positions close to LaFere, one of the principal Allied objectives. Occupation of the city is probable, according to front advices.

#### HAIG'S REPORT.

London, Sept. 9.—Artillery fighting on the Arras-Cambrai road and at several other places along the front is reported by General Haig. "A hostile raiding party was successfully repelled last night north of Arleux (between Cambrai and Douai). With the exception of artillery activity in different localities, being mutual particularly in the neighborhood of the Arras-Cambrai road and LaSasse and Ypres, there is nothing else to report."

#### ALLIED PROGRESS DETAILED.

Paris, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme, the French have enlarged their possessions eastward of Avesnes, toward Clastrous they are occupying notably LaMotte farm. Southwest of St. Quentin they have crossed the Canal Crozat. Opposite Liez, west of LaFere, and between the Oise and Aisne during the night there was

### LOCAL RED CROSS HAS FULL SHARE OF WORK; CHAPTER IS MEETING THE TEST

(By D. T. Edwards)

The attendance at the Red Cross surgical dressings room for the past week has been quite satisfactory. The special allotment of 5,000 pads has been completed on time and the emergency under which our ladies have been laboring has been relieved.

The next job to which they will devote their attention will be repair work; and while it will be still necessary to have as many workers as possible present themselves at the workrooms, a large part of the work can be done at home and will be distributed with that end in view.

#### 5,000 Socks to Darn.

To darn 5,000 socks within a month's time is the next call. This call too is urgent and will demand a measure of self-sacrifice, just as all Red Cross work does.

But what does the workroom patriot care about self-sacrifice? Sacrifice is the order of the day; and the man or woman who is devoid of this virtue has scant claim to recognition amongst us, and is in fact, what one of our ex-presidents designates as an "undesirable citizen."

For those who have not been accustomed to darning socks this experience will be an illuminating task; for after patriotically performing it—as they will—workers will then be in a position to enter upon a larger sphere of usefulness at home. Rightly considered Red Cross work—aside from its satisfaction of war needs and aside from its expression of patriotic devotion—is nothing short of an excellent training for higher and better standards of living.

#### Financial Matters Shaping Up.

But not only are there workroom patriots—plenty of them—within the jurisdiction of this chapter; there are also former patriots who by donations of tobacco on the warehouse floors are materially boosting the finances of the chapter. Every day brings in handsome returns from this source and these men—and many of the donors are women—are doing a big bit toward binding up the bruised and broken-headed and brightening the dark spots where now grim devastation reigns.

Last Saturday night a highly appreciated contribution in the shape of about \$75 came into the Red Cross treasury from Rev. Mr. Liddell's evangelistic tent meeting. Mr. Liddell prefaced his evening's sermon by an eloquent and comprehensive appeal for the Red Cross and earnestly commended its wide scope of humanitarian work. At its conclusion it was evident that the Red Cross spirit was substantially strengthened among his hearers and the response was indeed good.

Recognizing that the American Red Cross today stands as the most complete exponent of Americanism a determined effort has been launched to enroll every true American—white and black—under the sign of the cross that thus Americanism may go forth and conquer the world.

At the head of this movement in the local chapter is Rev. B. P. Smith. Mr. Smith has the county well organized with permanent committees in each section whose aim it shall be to make Red Cross members of all Lenoir County folk. They are to take the names as fast as they can get them and issue memberships holding good until January 1, 1920. In other words members will be enrolled now as of January 1, 1919, and the weeks from now until that date will be thrown in for good measure.

#### "I Summon You to the Comradeship."

Speaking of this great movement President Wilson says, "I summon you to the comradeship." Last year's Christmas drive resulted in an enrollment that placed 22,000,000 Americans under the sign of the cross. This great enlistment must be materially enlarged. It can be done. It must be done. Let the local committee work without "stint or limit" and let the people respond to the presidential call!

## Registration Day, Sept. 12th; A Proclamation By Governor Bickett

America has taken her place with the Allies of humanity. Her ideals, proclaimed by our President and hailed by the civilized world as a new charter of liberty, have been hallowed and consecrated by the blood of her sons shed on the sacred soil of France. In order that these ideals may be sustained and the principles of liberty and humanity which we share with our Allies made secure, the full military man power of the Nation is called to the colors. Unchallenged freedom is to be achieved for the world by the unlimited power of American manhood.

Declaring that we "solemnly purpose a decisive victory of arms," the President of the United States, by virtue of authority imposed in him by Congress, has by proclamation called upon all men of America between the ages of 18 and 45, inclusive, to register on Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1918. On that day all men who have reached their 18th birthday and have not reached their 46th birthday, are required to register, unless they are already registered for military service. The usual precinct voting places will be the places of registration. The hours for registration will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

North Carolina will not lag in the performance of this duty. Nearly a hundred thousand of her sons are now in the service, and back of these stands a loyal and united Commonwealth eager to serve. When the first call for military registration was made 15 months ago, more than two hundred thousand North Carolinians registered for service. In the coming registration it is estimated that 250,000 men will register in this State. In order to handle so large a registration, more than 3,000 men have cheerfully responded to the call to serve as registrars in the various precincts of the State. The proportion as well as the purpose of this occasion challenges and compels the loyal support and cooperation of every citizen.

Now therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby call upon every man in the State who has reached the age of

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press)  
KAPLAN WOMAN EXECUTED.  
Zurich, Sept. 9.—Dora Kaplan, who shot and seriously injured Lenin, was executed Wednesday, it was reported here today.

GINNING REPORT.  
Washington, Sept. 9.—A census cotton report says 1,039,620 bales were ginned from the 1918 crop to September 1.

PRINCE KILLED.  
London, Sept. 9.—According to the Cologne Gazette Prince Ferdinand of Hohenzollern has been killed in action at the front.

THE CASUALTIES.  
Sunday, 243—26 killed in action. Corp. James B. Anderson, Wilson, was severely wounded. Corp. W. F. Jones, Dunn, was wounded severely. Private James I. Jenrett, Ash, was wounded to degree undetermined. Monday morning, 304—27 killed. Private Robert Collins, Hendersonville, was missing in action. Monday afternoon, 288—17 killed. Private Frederick P. Vinson, Genevix, was wounded severely. Lieut. Harley B. Gaston, Lowell, was wounded to degree undetermined. Private Robert J. Batson, Vista, was wounded to degree undetermined. Private John Midgett, Lowland, was wounded to degree undetermined.

### TOBACCO

Monday's breaks approximated 350,000 pounds, according to early afternoon estimates. The guesses were rough. Prices appeared to be ruling well.

violent German artillery and infantry reaction. Two strong counterattacks in the region of LaFere and northeast of Soissons were repulsed. Eighty prisoners, belonging to five different regiments, were taken in the Champagne. The French made raids in the region of Mont Sanancm, taking prisoners. West of Auberive a German raid was unsuccessful.

### AS BAD AS GERMAN BUTCHERS EVER DID

(By the United Press)  
Petrograd, Sept. 9.—So far 512 revolutionaries have been shot in reprisal for the murder of Moses Uritski, commissary of the interior in the Petrograd district. A list of 121 names has been published of persons who will be killed if more Bolsheviks are shot. Many high officials and notables are included in the list. At Smolensk 34 landowners were shot in reprisal for the attack on Lenin.



### CAMPAIGN AGAINST U. S. TROOPSHIPS

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Sept. 9.—The torpedoing of the Mount Vernon, advances in regard to which show that 35 are dead though it was at first supposed the entire crew was saved, is believed to have come out of Germany's desperation at the growing menace of the American forces. It is thought Germany is about to plunge into a venturesome attempt to "get" American transports.

### ITALIAN FORCE IS LANDED IN RUSSIA

(By the United Press)  
Rome, Sept. 9.—Italian troops have arrived on the Murman coast, it is semi-officially announced.

### Buy Thrift Stamps

### SCHOOLS OPEN FOR TERM OF 1918-'19; MANY NEW TEACHERS

Three Additional on Force. Probable That Enrollment Will Be Larger Than Last Year's—To Work Tuesday

Daily Free Press—Sept. 9)  
The City Schools opened Monday with an enrollment approximating that at last year's opening. The total was not available. A significant thing was the enrollment of an unusual number of children from the country. The rural precincts voted down last spring's special tax election.

There are three additional teachers this year.

New teachers are Prof. John C. Boyd, Charlotte; Miss Virginia Leggett, Scotland Neck; Miss Isabelle MacKenzie, Chadbourn, and Miss Mary Crawford, Durham, High School; Miss Lenora Ketter, Grower; Miss Hallie Baldwin, Durham; Miss Mamie Meeks, New Bern; Miss Elizabeth Shell, Henderson; Miss Ethel Everette, Palmyra; Miss Nell Johnson, Aberdeen; Miss Nellie Ray, Franklinton; Miss Mary MacKenzie, Chadbourn; Miss Annie Laura Lang, Farmville; Miss Julia Black, Carthage; Miss Anna Pridgen, Kinston; Miss Jettie Miller; Miss Angelyn Alexander, Enfield; Miss Lucille Dixon, Kinston; Miss Blanche Lancaster, Battleboro; Mrs. Victor Fair, Lincolnton, elementary. One or two of these taught here in former years and have returned after a lapse of several years.

Even should there be no increase in enrollment, and there probably will be, the schools would benefit from having more teachers. There would be fewer pupils to the room. Classes will be started Tuesday.

### EAST CAROLINA FARMERS PREPARING GROW WHEAT.

Eastern Carolina farmers are going ahead with plans to grow sufficient wheat to bread themselves next year. Inasmuch as Western North Carolina already grows a large acreage of wheat eastern farmers will be looked to for most of the increase of 116,000 acres, which is 10 per cent. over last year.

Reports of the preparation being made for sowing wheat are daily reaching the extension service. District Agent R. W. Freeman of Wilson says that much interest is shown in all eastern counties from Wilson to Dare and from Northampton to Brunswick. County agents are busy making arrangements to provide good seed wheat so that it will be easily accessible to farmers.

### DRY ZONES AROUND MINES AND PLANTS

Washington, Sept. 9.—The House today unanimously adopted the Kellogg resolutions empowering the President to establish dry zones around mines, shipyards and munition plants.

### COTTON

Futures quotations Monday were:

	Open.	Close.
January	33.74	34.00
March	33.71	33.77
May	33.60	33.40
October	34.35	34.72
December	33.70	34.07

### DAVIS TELLS THIS CITY AND L'GRANGE OF WHITE PROSPECT

Soon Whole Nation'll Be Like Snow on the Map, Says Superintendent

### STUFF IS BILLY'S ALLY

America Shortly to Stop Putting Wheat, Sugar, Etc., Into Jugs—Into Soldier's Haversacks Instead.

Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, spoke to several hundred persons representing a number of denominations at the First Baptist Church Sunday night. His general subject was "Prohibition." The congregation was large considering that it was a rainy night.

Mr. Davis told of the progress of prohibition in the Nation, and the campaign now in progress to make the entire United States completely "dry." The superintendent waxed enthusiastic. Thirty-six states must ratify the proposed amendment, and Mr. Davis showed how one after another has joined the "white" army until the end is even now in sight. Liquor Mr. Davis described as an enemy within the Nation in this time of war. America is fighting the Kaiser abroad and his ally at home, he asserted.

On the platform were Rev. W. M. Craig, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who presided; Rev. M. H. Tuttle, pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, and Rev. H. P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian Church. Scores of Disciples, Methodists and members of other churches were in the congregation. A collection, amounting to a fair sum, was taken.

Mrs. Carl Boyd and Mrs. Dan Quinary sang a duet. Miss Essie Whichard of Greenville sang a solo.

### TYPHOID PREVALENT IN STATE LAST MONTH.

Final reports from all counties of the State to the State Board of Health show a total of 1,249 cases of typhoid fever in North Carolina during the month of August. This is an increase of more than 400 cases over the record for July, and more than double the number reported in June. August is the worst month of the year.

The alarming prevalence of the disease in the State has resulted in preventive measures being taken in a number of the counties. Anti-typhoid vaccination campaigns have been inaugurated during the month in 11 counties.

### WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

Issued by the Weather Bureau, Washington, for the period September 9 to September 14 inclusive: For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Fair with return to normal temperatures.

LET POTATOES FIGHT  
They Save Wheat  
When you eat potatoes  
don't eat bread  
U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

### CZECHS HOLD TWO THOUSAND MILES OF RAILROAD SIBERIA; U. S. GUNS ARE BUSY

(By the United Press)  
Vladivostok, Sept. 9.—Two battalions of American troops have joined the Japanese and Czechs on the front line beyond Nikolisk.

Vladivostok, Sept. 9.—Czecho-Slovak forces hold 2,000 miles of railway from Olovyanna to Penza, it was learned today. This indicates the penetration of more important areas of Russia. The Czechs are loosening the Bolshevik grip.

Washington, Sept. 9.—American artillery, according to State Department advices, is lending aid to the Russians west of the Volga from Penza to the north of Kazan. If unofficial reports that they have probably retaken Smara are true this means to re-ernburg, Simbick and Kazan are in immediate danger.

### BAKER GOES ACROSS TO PREPARE FOR ARMY OF FOUR MILLION NEXT SUMMER

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Sept. 9.—Secretary of War Baker's second trip abroad is believed to mean improvement and enlargement of the aero, medical and transportation services, with a view to carrying out the plan to have an army of 4,000,000 in France early in the summer of 1919.