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STILL READY TO LOSE A MILLION MEN

GUN POWER WILL BE DOUBLED NEXT YEAR ON WEST

Frederick Palmer, Newspaper Man Just Returned From Europe, Says That Great Offensive Will Continue Till Germany Yields, No Matter How Long.

Great Britain is prepared to lose 1,000,000 soldiers next summer in attacks of even greater magnitude than those on the Somme, Frederick Palmer, the American war correspondent with the British army in France, who arrived home Friday on the New Amsterdam of the Holland-American Line tells the New York World.

To Reach Decision in West.

Mr. Palmer believes the decisive action of the war will take place on the western front. He said his observations convince him Germany finally must weaken, for the continuous pounding in ever increasing proportions ultimately must crush her armies. He declared that the allies' generals have not figured on a break just now in the German lines.

France in Good Shape.

"The idea of an exhausted France puzzles me. Where did it originate? From all I can see, France has the largest trained force, fully equipped for first-line fighting, that she has had since the war began.

Plan Simultaneous Blows.

"When spring comes the French and British will continue their offensives with more and more ammunition and the Italians will continue theirs. If the Russians have munitions to continue all summer with drives of the same kind something will break somewhere on the long front of the central powers, or if it does not the allies mean to go on with the war another year.

Next Year the British are Prepared to Lose a Million Men, if Necessary, and they will have twice the gun power.

They keep on building munition factories and adding to their plant in France which already is so enormous that it will take at least a year to move it back when the war is over.

There is only one historical comparison for the Somme battle—Verdun.

It has long since passed Verdun in intensity of the fighting, in the numbers engaged, in losses in killed and wounded and in volume of artillery fire.

In the Somme sector 6,000 British, French and German guns have been in action on the same day, within one period of twenty-four hours there have been at least 150,000 casualties, counting those of both sides.

Next Year to Be Bloodier.

"When will the war be over? I only know that next year will be bloodier than this. The week before I left France I talked with Gen. Joffre and Sir Douglas Haig, and with such army and corps commanders as Sir Henry Rawlinson on the Somme and Gens. Neville and Mangin, who planned and executed the brilliant attacks which recovered Forts Douaumont and Vaux at Verdun.

Talk about courage. There was nothing at Port Arthur to compare with the way the British went against frontal positions which were supposed to be impregnable on July 1, when the grand offensive began.

Some battalions reached their objectives with losses of 5 and 10 per cent. Others reached and held their objectives with far heavier losses. In the Thiepval and Beaumont-Hamel sectors some battalions disappeared in the blue. They were engulfed, as dozens of German battalions were in their attack on Verdun.

Fight to the Last Man.

"In the midst of the close and complicated fighting on the Somme, the British have taken 36,000 prisoners and the Germans 2,000.

DOCTORS WHO MAY COME.

List of the Members of the District Medical Association Which Will Meet in Monroe.

The Seventh District Medical Society is formed from the county medical societies of the following nine counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gastonia, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, Stanly and Union.

The territory covers 164 miles. The following are its members: Drs. Geo. A. Chapman, Morven; J. M. Covington, Wadesboro; J. M. Dunlap, Ansonville; J. B. Gunter, Farland; Jas. E. Kerr, Lilesville; Robt. D. Ross, Wadesboro; O. W. Shellum, Ansonville; John Hart, Wadesboro; E. S. Ashe, Wadesboro; Joe Bennett, Wadesboro; J. M. Covington, Sr., Wadesboro; Will Barrett, Peachland; J. E. Smoot, Concord; R. M. King, Concord; J. B. Elnck, Harrisburg; S. E. Buchanan, Concord; J. J. Brown, Mt. Pleasant; D. G. Caldwell, Concord; H. H. Cagle, Kannapolis; J. M. Earnhardt, Mt. Pleasant; J. W. Flow, Kannapolis; M. A. Flow, Kannapolis; M. A. Toll, Mt. Pleasant; G. J. Genger, Concord; S. A. Grier, Harrisburg; J. S. Lofferty, Concord; P. R. McFayden, Concord; John A. Patterson, Concord; W. D. Pemberton, Concord; T. F. Pharr, Concord; S. W. Rankin, Concord; J. E. Reid, Concord; W. H. Wadsworth, Concord; J. W. Wallace, Concord; J. A. Yew, Georgoville; J. W. Wood, Shelby; T. B. Gold, Lawndale; C. O. Champion, Mooresboro; R. C. Ellis, Shelby; W. T. Grigg, Lawndale; T. G. Hamrick, Shelby; E. A. Houser, Fallston; J. F. Hunt, Cosar; E. B. Lattimore, Shelby; L. V. Lee, Lattimore; W. T. Mitchell, Shelby; B. H. Palmer, Shelby; S. S. Royster, Shelby; D. A. Garrison, Gastonia; B. V. Puett, Dallas; C. E. Adams, Gastonia; M. G. Anderson, Gastonia; J. E. Anthony, Kings Mountain; W. W. Davis, Belmont; H. M. Edleman, Gastonia; H. T. Glenn, Gastonia; L. N. Glenn, Gastonia; M. C. Hunter, Huntersville; J. H. Jenkins, Gastonia; C. J. McCombs, Gastonia; T. M. McCoy, Mt. Holly; N. A. Orr, Belmont; C. H. Pugh, Stanley; T. C. Quickel, Gastonia; J. W. Reid, Lowell; R. M. Reid, Gastonia; R. E. Rhyne, Mt. Holly; F. Robinson, Lowell; R. H. Rowe, Edgemore City; J. M. Sloan, Gastonia; S. A. Wilkens, Dallas; F. G. Wilson, Gastonia; L. A. Crowell, Lincoln; C. D. Thompson, Lincoln; H. N. Abernethy, Denver; W. G. Bandy, Maiden; G. H. Costner, Lincoln; J. R. Gambles, High Shoals; C. H. Hoover, Crouse; R. B. Killian, Lincoln; W. C. Kiser, Reepsville; W. S. Matthews, Cleveland Mills; H. L. Sloan, Lincoln; B. C. Taylor, Stanley; John B. Wright, Raleigh. The following from Charlotte: J. H. Tucker, O. B. Ross, J. S. Abernethy, Annie L. Alexander, J. R. Alexander, William Allan, J. R. Ashe, F. D. Austin, J. A. Austin, A. A. Barron, E. C. Boyette, A. G. Brenner, J. H. Caldwell, J. S. Clifford, J. R. Crowell, J. E. S. Davidson, J. M. DeArmon, I. W. Faison, Yates Faison, L. M. Fetner, R. L. Gibbon, W. A. Graham, S. M. Henderson, A. M. Heron, L. W. Hoivis, E. R. Hunter, L. W. Hunter, Myers Hunter, J. R. Erwin, P. M. King, R. H. Lofferty, J. F. Leimbach, J. P. Matheson, J. C. Matthews, H. W. McKay, C. S. McLaughlin, C. A. Meisenheimer, A. W. Moore, Owen Moore, J. P. Munroe, J. I. Myers, B. C. Nalle, L. B. Newell, W. Q. Nisbet, C. N. Peeler, R. W. Petrie, W. W. Pharr, G. W. Presley, R. A. Ivery, E. C. Register, W. K. Reid, J. O. Simmons, J. W. Squires, C. M. Strong, S. R. Thompson, C. M. Trippe, H. A. Wakefield, E. C. Walker, A. M. Whitsart, B. J. Witherspoon, T. H. Wright, G. H. Pettevau, Charlotte, R. F. D.; W. M. Craven, Huntersville; J. W. McConnell, Davidson; J. L. Ransom, Pineville; Henry Norris, Rutherfordton; C. B. McDaniel, Rutherfordton; J. M. Allhand, Cliffside; R. M. Andrews, Union Mills; M. H. Biggs, Rutherfordton; W. C. Bostic, Forest City; C. F. Gold, Ellenboro; L. B. Harroll, Caroleen; E. B. Harris, Rutherfordton; Romeo Hicks, Henrietta; T. B. Lovelace, Henrietta; G. P. Reid, Forest City; R. R. Sellers, Rutherfordton; J. R. Shull, Cliffside; J. B. Smart, Forest City; J. B. Thompson, Bostic, R. F. D.; W. A. Thompson, Rutherfordton; J. C. Twitty, Rutherfordton; C. B. Wiseman, Henrietta; T. A. Hathecock, Norwood; J. C. Hall, Albemarle; J. N. Anderson, Albemarle; L. V. Dunlap, Albemarle; W. J. Hill, Albemarle; J. F. Lofton, Albemarle; L. F. McGruder, Albemarle; J. A. Allen, New London; B. F. Blalock, Norwood; J. I. Campbell, Norwood; B. F. Cox, Palmerville; T. E. Hartsell, Big Lick; H. L. Price, Oakboro; R. Armfield, Marshville, D. R. Perkins, Marshville; M. P. Blair, Marshville; J. R. Jerome, Wingate; J. B. Eubanks, Monroe, R. F. D. 1; L. E. Guin, Waxhaw; A. D. N. Whitely, Unionville; J. Y. Fitzgerald, Indian Trail; H. M. Brooks, Olive Branch.

Pick out two guests and let us know. There are 225 to choose from. Respt.—H. D. Stewart.

Notice.

The mid-week service tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church will be in the interest of Assembly's Home Missions. All the members of the congregation are urged to attend the same.

Immediately after the meeting, those interested in forming a Sunday school orchestra will plan for such an organization. A short rehearsal will be held so kindly bring your instruments.

Did you ever notice that the size of trouble depends on whether it's coming or going?

A woman is seldom satisfied when an old dress is forced to do her a good turn.

FOREIGN SITUATION RECEIVING STRICT ATTENTION

President Will Bend All His Energies Towards Solution of Critical Questions—Submarines Menacing Washington Dispatch, Nov. 19.

A portentous and complicated international situation now faces President Wilson and for the next few weeks will engage his attention and that of his advisers to the practical exclusion of all but the most urgent of domestic subjects.

In the last days of the campaign Secretary of State Lansing frequently spoke of the necessity of postponing action on the more delicate international questions because of the uncertainty of the outcome of the political contest had a direct bearing on the success or failure of some of the administration policies.

Without Embarrassment.

From now on, the President expects to deal with all foreign questions without embarrassment and he is receiving from his advisers a summary of the outstanding issues so essential to taking stock of the basic situation which must be met now that international relations have returned to their place of prime importance.

While it is not evident that there will be any fundamental change in policy, freedom from fear that any move at all would be misinterpreted as inspired by an internal political struggle has been removed.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing feel themselves able to act with a single eye to the international situation and their immediate conferences on the President's return to Washington indicate how pressing they feel the situation to be.

The President must decide how the United States shall meet the German submarine question on the one hand, the entente allied trade restrictions on the other, whether the retaliatory legislation shall be enforced, whether the traditional theory of isolation shall be abandoned for concerted neutrality action, and whether the country shall have an aggressive or a passive policy toward the peace conference, the war after the war, and the permanent league to enforce peace which the President has accepted in theory.

And, during the rest of the war, shall America's attitude be governed by a decided benevolence in the interpretation of international law according to its own best interests or shall it be strictly legalistic, regardless of whom it affects.

Submarine Situation.

Most spectacular and disquieting of the problems is the submarine situation with Germany. Five critical cases are pending, one involving a loss of six American lives two others involving American ships. Increasingly serious is the fast growing conviction that any kind of general submarine warfare, even if complying with the inadequate rule as to giving warning and affording some measure of safety of passengers is intolerable.

Germany is known to be building submarines rapidly and there is the possibility of a starvation campaign against England. Its effects would concern all nations. The United States might find it difficult to avoid complications.

Fiat and Final.

The American attitude is flat and final. No technicalities will be admitted. Ships must not be sunk without warning or without provision for the safety of the passengers facing high seas or distance from shore. The armed ship issue undoubtedly will be advanced by Germany, but will not be accepted. Secretary Lansing foresaw it last March when, without announcing his reason, he decreed that merchant vessels could carry a small defensive gun. If that endangers submarines that is part of their weakness. The United States, anxious, as a pacific nation opposed to armaments to increase the power of submarines, recognizes their shortcomings, especially in the vulnerability if surprised and attacked.

TWENTY-THREE CENTS PREDICTED FOR COTTON

New York Broker Says March Contracts Will Reach That Figure Shortly. Short staple cotton was bringing twenty and a half cents on the Monroe market today and seed 99 cents per bushel.

The ginners' report was issued by the government today giving 9,915,833 as the number of bales ginned up to Nov. 14th. This was a million, nearly more than the same date last year. The advance in ginning figures is accepted as a certain indication of great shortage.

Fairchilds & Co., New York brokers, have this to say: We believe March cotton will sell around 23 cents before the Government crop estimate is published on December 11 at 2 o'clock. Meanwhile, however, it is quite possible that sharp fluctuations are likely to be seen. On sharp breaks we consider purchases advisable but profits should not be ignored on quick rallies. In short, we expect more of a two-sided market with wider swings than has been the case recently.

Fluctuations in our markets will in no way lessen the value of spots. We expect every bale of this year's crop to be consumed and with next year's production a matter of grave doubt, due to fertilizer, labor and boll weevil issues, we cannot see where any material decline is possible.

Cotton oil was stronger in sympathy with hard cotton. We believe in higher prices ultimately, but at this level the market seems to hesitate. We favor purchases on fair declines.

Two Deaths in Bethlehem Community

Correspondence of The Journal.

Bethlehem, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Violet L. Tyson died at her home Saturday evening at 9 o'clock. She was sixty-eight years old and was the widow of the late Mr. William Tyson. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and always lived and used her influence for God and the right. She is survived by five children: Messrs. S. E., George, J. B., and Robert Tyson of this community, and Mrs. Mollie James of Sanford. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home by her pastor, Rev. M. A. Osborne, and the remains were buried in the McWhorter burying ground. The sorrowing family have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends.

Dora May, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fincher died on Nov. 7th of diphtheria. She was a bright child and much loved by her playmates. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. Funeral services conducted by Rev. M. A. Osborne. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Mrs. T. E. D. Starnes, who has been sick for about three weeks left yesterday for the Charlotte Sanatorium where she will be treated for appendicitis.

Mr. Hoyte Starnes is expected home today from a hospital in Charlotte where he has been having a wounded eye treated.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Helms of Monroe visited relatives in this community Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt McNeely of Monroe visited at Mr. W. R. McNeely's Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Belk left Sunday for Daisy, Ga., to visit her brother, Mr. F. N. Yarborough.

Mrs. Harvey Starnes of Monroe spent last week with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Belk.

The school at College Hill will open Monday, Nov. 27th, with Miss Mr. C. C. Fincher and Misses Lizzie Fincher and Eunice Broom as teachers. Another room is being built, which adds considerably to the appearance as well as the convenience of the building.

Psahw! Springs, go away! 'Tis time to quit talking politics now. But don't you know why the Republicans allowed the Democrats to retain the rope? Why it was to let them finish hanging themselves. They would have committed suicide this time but the warring nations of Europe prevented the rash deed.—Frisky.

SAVE THE COTTON SEED They Will Be Unusually Scarce This Season. Because of unusual conditions in the south and the markets of the world which are operating to reduce materially the usual autumn supply of cotton seed, cotton growers are urged by the United States Department of Agriculture to save enough of their best seed to meet all their planting needs next spring. It is recommended that in estimating the supply which will be needed, allowance be made for possible replanting requirements. It is also suggested that farmers having exceptionally good seed may find it advantageous to save more than enough to fill their own needs, since there should be a ready sale for the surplus in the spring to other planters.

Cotton growers should not be willing, because of the said shortage, to take the first supply available without regard to its quality, but should willingly pay an increased price for the seed of types of proven worth. Farmers having a sufficient supply of unginseed seed of desirable quality should see that special precautions are taken to avoid contamination by mixture with worthless seed during ginning. It may be well to save such seed cotton until near the close of the ginning season, when arrangements for especially careful ginning may be made.

The primary factor in the cotton seed shortage, it is shown by reports to the Department of Agriculture, is the shortage of the cotton crop in most of the southern states, due to drought, floods and boll weevil infestation. The shortage is marked in Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and is appreciable in some of those states. The seed produced is rapidly passing to the mills for crushing, since the price offered per ton is approximately twice as high as during normal years.

Death of Mr. Will Broom. Written for The Journal. Mr. W. T. Broom died on the 17th after a lingering illness of a few weeks. Mr. Broom was born in the year of our Lord 1869, being 47 years old. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mattie Walters who lived only a few years. His second marriage, about 23 years ago was to Miss Lizzie West, whom he leaves to mourn his death. To this union was born ten children, 9 of whom are living. He leaves also his mother, Mrs. C. M. Broom, two brothers, Messrs. Frank and Henry Broom, and four sisters, Mrs. G. H. Easley, Mrs. D. W. Clontz, Mrs. Laura Williamson and Mrs. A. J. Bowers, all of Monroe, to mourn their loss.

Mr. Broom professed faith in Christ a short time ago and joined the Methodist church.

Funeral was held Sunday in North Monroe church where he held his membership by his pastor, Rev. R. H. Kennington, and was buried in the Monroe cemetery. The pall bearers were members of the fire company of which he was a member.

"Sealed Lips" is the title of a recent novel. Evidently there are no female characters in it.

DEATH OF MR. H. P. MEIGS

Well Known Correspondent of The Journal at Wingate Died Saturday—News Will Bring Sadness to Thousands—Was Conscious to the Last.

Mr. H. P. Meigs of Wingate died about two o'clock Saturday last. From his letters in the paper for many months back readers of The Journal have known of his feeble condition, but it is doubtful if those outside of his immediate neighborhood knew the extreme weak condition that he had long been in and under what difficulties he wrote twice each week. His writings were so cheerful, hopeful and uncomplaining that it was hard to realize that they were written by a weak man, never physically strong and then literally gasping for breath with the slightest exertion.

He was taken worse on Monday and his last brief letter, which appeared in Tuesday's paper, closed with the remark that he was feeling so poorly that he would have to "ring off." He reached his seventy-second birthday on the 11th of last September, and had stirred no great distance from the house in more than two years.

The remains were buried in the new cemetery at Wingate on Sunday afternoon—one of his dearly beloved beautiful days. Services were held in the church by "Pastor Black" and dearly beloved "Uncle Joe" Bivens.

Mr. Meigs was survived by his wife, who was Miss Martha Williams, daughter of the late Joseph Williams of Anson county. They were married March 30, 1871, and to them were born ten children, only four of whom survive. They are Messrs. W. H. and J. C. Meigs of Palmerville, E. C. Meigs of Wingate and Mrs. D. P. Austin of Siler City. There are seven grandchildren whose visits were often spoken of by him as a great delight. Messrs. Turner Meigs of Marshville township and John and Henry Meigs of Arkansas are brothers and Mr. T. J. Meigs of Marshville is a half brother. His living sisters are Mesdames Alexander Pope, Marshall Nash, and Thomas and John Pressley.

Mr. Meigs was a boy soldier of the Confederacy. Like thousands of other boys of that time, he had no educational advantages, but he educated himself and became a public school teacher. The hundreds who attended the various modest little schools which he taught had the most careful instruction and they remember him with pleasure and gratitude. Unaided he grasped the true principles of instruction and made his teaching effective and inspiring. He was a volunteer in Co. I, 53rd regiment of North Carolina troops and the practice received in writing about his comrades caused him to become a regular contributor to The Journal after much persuasion. His success in that work for the past several years is well known. He was never a robust man, but his energy and grit made up for his physical weakness and he accomplished much.

His kindness as husband and father was observed by all who came in reach and he was a great student of the Bible, and loved to discuss its truths with his friends and loved ones. His conception of christianity was broad and sweet. He connected himself with the Baptist church during the war and remained thereafter to the end one of its most faithful members. He rejoiced in everything good and one source of pleasure was the fact that he saw the world changing into line with many of the beliefs that had long been dear to him but which in earlier times were not generally accepted.

Will Take Oath Sunday. There will be no lapse in the service of President Wilson because of the fact that March 4 next, inauguration day falls on Sunday, according to an opinion reached at the State Department. While it is not expected that the formal inauguration of Mr. Wilson will be held until Monday, March 5, he will be advised by Secretary Lansing to take the oath of office on Sunday.

Killed by School Bell. Otho Wellington, the 10-year-old son of Paul Wellington, Atlantic Coast Line section master, was instantly killed at the school house at Mt Olive Tuesday, when the peep upon which the old school bell, the use of which had been discontinued, broke off and the bell and frame work fell on the boy as he was drinking at a spigot a few feet away.

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