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**THE FROST KILLED NEARLY ALL OF THE POTATO VINES**  
**Cotton, However, Was Only Slightly Damaged, While Many Cut Their Green Corn Down in An Effort to Save It.**

Wingate, Oct. 16.—The frost Friday night killed nearly all of the potato vines, and damaged much vegetation in this community. People were very busy Saturday trying to cut their green corn down so that it would not be an entire loss. We do not think cotton is damaged very much.

Dr. R. J. Lovill went to Shelby last week to attend some kind of convention of the doctors.

Has the world any conscience these days? It seems to us that conscience is a thing of the past. It is to be wrong for people to do many things that they do these days, and boast of them after they have finished the job. Why is this? Well we believe two or three things cause it. First, our people do not read their Bibles enough. They do not know what the Lord has forbidden. Second, the preaching of today is not definite enough. Too many preachers compromise with the world. They polish sin up so that it does not look so bad. Many of them endorse questionable things. Like priest, like people. Third, people just want to dishonor God and make religion a joke. This old world is going to wake up some of these days, but it may have to have a shake like Sodom before it gets its eyes open.

Parents are entirely too careless about their girls. Many parents are giving their girls too much latitude these days. When a girl loses her modesty she is gone. The girl that stays around a store all her leisure hours, giggling and flirting is never going to mean much to this, or any other world.

Rev. E. C. Snyder has resigned at West Monroe to take more country work. He has served there for several years.

The North Carolina Baptist church builder, Rev. J. M. Page, spent last Tuesday night in Wingate. He was on his way to the Union Association. He represented the Biblical Recorder there. He is a hustler sure. He never missed a renewal, and added many new subscribers to the list.

Mr. J. Wilson Ross, who flags on the S. A. L. was in Wingate for a few hours last week.

Mr. B. H. Griffin and wife, Mrs. Bascom Marsh, Mrs. Queen Medlin and Mrs. Smith Medlin spent a little while with us at Glen Alpine as they returned from the association last Thursday. We are always glad to have our friends visit us.

Many of our people attended the association last week. We have never seen such a crowd at an association. The house at Mill Creek is very large but it did not accommodate the crowd. Many had to stand, or stay on the outside.

Mr. W. R. Phifer and Miss Lessie Griffin, daughter of Mr. Atlas Griffin of New Salem township, were married last Sunday morning. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Black of Wingate. It was a very quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends being present.

The friends of the Wingate high school are planning to erect two large dormitories to accommodate the boarding students. It is a great step forward. The plans are not completed as yet, but we feel sure that they are going to be erected soon.

Dr. Mark Griffin of the medical department of the State Hospital for the feeble minded at Morganton was home last Sunday. His sister, Miss Lee Griffin, who has a position in the D. and D. Institute at Morganton accompanied him.

Messrs. Joel Hargett and Blanchard Williams were home from Camp Jackson last Sunday.

Mrs. Garland of near Jefferson visited her half brother, Mr. Y. M. Boggan, last Sunday. She is past 80 years old. She has a son in business at Marshville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutchin of Badin visited Mrs. Cutchin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Boggan, Sunday.

Mr. Bruce Snyder was home again last Sunday.

Mr. J. C. McIntyre went to see his aunt, Mrs. George Allen, last Sunday. She has recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. She lives near Rocky River.

Mr. Joe Hagon and wife, who formerly was Miss Madge Gurley, are spending a few days with home folks. Mrs. Hagon is a daughter of Mrs. R. F. Honeycutt by her first husband.

Mr. Euclid Harrington of Raleigh spent Sunday with Mr. J. B. Bass's family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Griffin spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. F. H. Williams.

Mr. James H. Liles and family spent Sunday with Chatam Helms.

Quite a large crowd attended services at Meadow Branch last Sunday morning. This is a great place for a crowd. It has been so for many years. This is the one hundred and seventh year of its existence. Many of the most notable citizens of North Carolina have worshipped here.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Young people, don't fail to be there. Stand by your union and do your best to train yourself for efficiency in the Master's kingdom.

her character is above reproach, so let us give her our hearty support and she will succeed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas are spending a day or two with Mr. Guy Thomas who lives near here. Mr. J. W. Thomas and wife are taking treatment from a chiropractor in Charlotte. They are well pleased with results thus far received. We trust that they may be brought back to normal health.

Rev. R. M. Haigler has moved from the Meigs place to the Fletcher Moore place in Wingate.

Mr. Ike Duncan and wife of Hopewell community visited Mr. J. D. Biggers last Sunday.

Mr. Ben Parker of the Union section visited his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Helms, last Sunday. He attended the evening service at Meadow Branch church.

We hope to be able to announce the Rock Rest meeting within a few days.

The installation service of the B. Y. P. U. here the other night was so interesting that we will just give the reporter's account of it:

The Baptist Young People's Union held an interesting meeting last night to which the public was invited. The object of the meeting was to install the newly elected officers, who are as follows: Claude Gaddy, president; Paul Bennett, vice president; Miss Thelma Carroll, secretary; Miss Cassie Gaddy, assistant secretary; Lester Smith, treasurer; Vander Sluypson, reporter; Miss Alma Smith and Rupert Trull, captains. At the singing of the first hymn the officers marched in and occupied the front seat. Mr. Carroll then conducted the devotional exercises, after which Mr. Ray Funderburk, principal of Marshville high school, made an interesting and forceful address on the "Importance of Definite Religious Training." Mr. Funderburk said that of the 300,000 Baptists in the State 200,000 were inactive. He said, furthermore, that the physical development of our young people was provided for, that the State made ample provision for their intellectual training. He then heartily commended the Baptist Young People's Union as the proper organization to convert the inactive church members into an active one. He urged the older members of the church to lend their hearty support to the organization. At the close of the address the officers, while standing, received from Mr. Funderburk, an impressive charge as to what they should do as leaders. The service was a very impressive one—the deacons being present in a body, and a large audience to inspire the speaker.

**THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS WILL NOT SEE FRANCE.**  
**Many Will Be Assigned to Work That Government Needs—British Mission Will Make Tour.**

Washington, Oct. 16.—Thousands of the new national army will never see France. The army is to be one of specialists. This was accentuated today in the dispatch of a British labor commission through the country by Secretary Baker to tell of the needs of backing up the fighters behind the lines.

In addition to the thousands of heavy artillerymen, ammunition carriers, road makers, fitters, mechanics and other auxiliary troops who will never see the enemy against which they are fighting, it is likely that thousands of men will be retained in this country for work in the munitions factories and the dock yards.

Today orders were issued to transfer 30,000 of the conscripts to the national guard where they will fill up the ranks of the militia regiments. These men will surely see service and see it soon. The rest will be assorted according to their abilities. Many regiments of them will be developed into fighters but many others will remain "behind the lines."

The infantry man and his rifle will still be the mainstay of the fighting forces though about one out of every ten rifles will be a machine rifle or a bomb thrower. Back of these men will be an ever increasing number of auxiliaries.

British mission which started on a tour of the country today was composed of Sir Stephenson Kent, K. C. B., director general of the British labor supply department; H. W. Garrod, of the labor regulations department; G. H. Baillie, "dilution officer" of the labor department, and Captain Cyril Asquith, in charge of the allocation artificers.

This mission will discuss with labor and industrial leaders throughout the country the mistakes that Great Britain made in permitting so large a proportion of her skilled laborers to get into the trenches. They will recommend measures for the "dilution" of factories oversupplied with skilled labor by assigning thereto other men not so highly skilled, so that the excess of skilled men can be better used in the factories that are short of this class of labor.

In this connection it had been predicted here for some time that the call for second draft will specify exempt certain classes of skilled labor from call. The war department is becoming increasingly convinced of the necessity for maintaining the military industries behind the lines. This particularly applies to shipbuilding and the operation of ships.

A horse on the race track at Wise, Va., fell on the track, dislodging her rider. She got up and made the last half without a rider, winning the race. As she was being led to the stable she fell dead from a ruptured blood vessel.

He who pursues two rabbits will succeed in catching neither.

**OESSEL ISLAND CAPITAL OCCUPIED BY GERMANS**  
**However, They Have Been Unable to Enter Gulf of Riga in Vicinity of Dago Islands—British Successful.**

The German forces which landed on the island of Oesel at the head of the Gulf of Riga, have captured Arenburg, capital of the island, and are still pursuing the Russians at various places. Operating as far as possible are German cruisers and torpedo boats which have shelled coast batteries and towns.

Attempts by the German fleet to enter the Gulf of Riga or to operate in the waters between Oesel and Dago islands, however, are meeting with resistance, respectively from the Russian land batteries and Russian naval units. In the latter region the Germans declined to accept battle and retired in the face of the Russian warships.

As yet no attempts have been made by the Germans to effect a landing on the coast of Estonia and harass the right flank of the Russian army and neither has any effort been made to penetrate the Gulf of Finland, the waters of which are heavily mined and will require intensive mine sweeping operations before a naval demonstration can be made against the important port of Reval.

**GUNS ROAR IN FLANDERS**

In Flanders no military operations on a large scale have been attempted, but the big guns are carrying out reciprocal bombardments of great violence, like those which always precede the starting of an infantry offensive. The British troops have carried out several successful raids in which severe casualties were inflicted on the Germans and prisoners and machine guns were taken.

After the lapse of two days the heavy artillery duels have been resumed between the French and the Germans on the Verdun front, especially to the north of the famous Hill 344. Also on the Aisne front there is considerable artillery activity.

**ITALIANS CHECK ATTACKS**

Preparations apparently are being made along the Julian front of the Austro-Italian theatre for another big battle. In the Brestovizza valley and on several other sectors the artillery from both sides is engaged in heavy fighting and there also have been sharp reconnoitering encounters. In the Bestrovizza valley a strong attack by the Austrians was broken up by the Italian machine gun fire, as likewise were attempted offensives from the west of Flanders to the head of the Adriatic Sea.

**TEUTONS BEING HARASSED**

The entente allies in Macedonia are keeping up their harassing tactics against positions held by the Teutonic allies, daily throwing heavy bombardments against them or launching infantry attacks of considerable proportion. The latest of these latter operations has been carried out by Scottish troops who raided the village of Homonods near Serres and captured 143 prisoners and three machine guns.

The British mercantile cruiser Champagne has been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine with a loss of five officers and 51 men. The British minesweeping sloop Begonia is overdue and is believed to have been lost with her entire crew.

**MAYO HELD CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY DANIELS**

Is Indicated That He is Going Over With Navy Officials Much Information Gained From the British Admiralty.

Washington, Oct. 15. — Admiral Mayo and members of the navy general board were in conference with Secretary Daniels at the latter's home tonight, continuing the discussions the commander of the Atlantic fleet has been having with navy officials since his return from England last week.

The nature of the problems discussed was not revealed. Secretary Daniels stated, however, that published reports as to what was being considered were without any foundation in fact. He indicated that many things learned by Admiral Mayo during his trip were being gone over, the British admiralty having furnished the American officer with all the information he desired.

Until today newspaper correspondents had been under request by Secretary Daniels not to disclose that conferences were going on. The request, however, had not been generally acceded to.

The Secretary said that published accounts of his conference with the admiral purporting to state what was being discussed or to indicate plans that were being laid, "would do credit to Baron Munchausen."

He would only say regarding the conference tonight that there were "many big problems" involved in the navy's part of the war, that would be talked over in the light of Admiral Mayo's personal observations abroad.

The chief function of the general board which is composed of high officials who have had much sea service, is to fix the military characteristics of fighting ships and recommend the building program from year to year. It is also important, however, as a planning section of the navy, although the chief of operations is charged by law with responsibility for the preparation of war plans. In a general way, however, the general board outlines questions of naval policy which are submitted to the secretary for approval.

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**POSSUMS PLENTIFUL IN COLUMBUS; DOGS SCARCE**  
**A Party Managed to Catch Two Big Ones With a Lone "Purp"—Dealer Has Paid Out \$40,000 For Grapes This Season.**

Whiteville, Oct. 14.—My last letter did not seem to meet with favor from the powers that be for they wrote and positively forbade me to say anything about the wonders of Columbus in future letters to The Journal. I guess that it is up to me to obey the mandates, but I cannot resist a parting shot and endeavor to tell a word or two about the grapes that are raised in this county.

The other day while in the pursuit of news I asked one of the scuppernon grape buyers in this town how much he had paid out for the fruit this summer and fall. He promptly replied that to that time he had paid out forty thousand dollars and would have to pay more than that much more before the season was over. One of the county officials went to a little trouble for my benefit the other day and figured it out that the part of the grape crop that is shipped away from here this year would buy eight hundred mules at three hundred dollars a head. I don't know why he selected mules to compare with the grapes, but there is a tremendous lot of the critters being shipped into this county just at present and they are selling like hot cakes.

Chasing around for news a fellow often runs up against the unexpected and has a good joke pulled off on him. I had one the other day. Was loafing in the office and some of the school teachers came along and asked if I had heard about the dog committing suicide. I had not, but was keen for anything that promised a bit of news, so I promptly asked how he did it. This was the reply, "He bit his tail and said, 'this is the end of me.'"

I sometimes hear enough from around about home to almost enable me to write for The Journal as a correspondent from Waxhaw without being there. For instance an old friend died near my home last week and I heard of it the next morning. This party was a young lady who had been married less than two years and I had known her all my life. I looked in vain in all the papers for further details of her death, but there was nothing forthcoming. Some correspondent was asleep at the switch and a good woman had died without much of the world being any the wiser. A correspondent seldom gets much praise for what he does, but there are hundreds of thousands of people who would never see their names in a newspaper were it not for these humble scribbles to the weekly papers.

I am going to jump my job tonight long enough to go possum hunting. Frank Hester, the assistant cashier of the Bank of Whiteville, and myself have been planning the expedition for several days and we have chartered a "purp" for tonight and are expecting a big foray. Dogs are mighty scarce up here and we had to engage the owner of the dog also. He would not let the fee out of his sight for fear he would never get him back. The entire high school faculty, with the exception of two male teachers and one old lady who is possessed of too much avoirdupois are going with us. This hunt is to be the outcome of one that was organized last week. Frank and I were in it, but when the auspicious moment for starting off drew near we found that about twenty young heeldums were to be in the crowd, and we promptly withdrew. The girls followed suit and the boys went off by themselves with one dog and managed to catch a couple of fine fat fellows. I wish that I had some of the possum hounds from back in Union. There are hardly any dogs in evidence around here, but there is plenty of game. A good many deers have been killed since the season opened early last week and they are being reported as having been seen all around.

Sometimes I notice that The Journal's correspondents are out in full force and then in the very next issue they are conspicuous in their absence. I am afraid that the correspondents on this blooming sheet of mine are having the dikens of a time and that they are inwardly blessing me out, but one thing that I like about them is their tenacious nature. I have been short of help for the past six weeks and every week I have to leave out a lot of fine letters. Just can't get them set up in type. The onery cusses, who write them, seem not to mind the failure of their letters to appear in print for they bob up the next week as cheerful as ever. It sorry makes me feel bad to fill my waste basket with their good efforts and not have time to write and explain the circumstances. But at the same time I admire their sticking qualities and their sportsmanlike attitude of yielding ungrudgingly to the sorry treatment that I have to meet out to them. Sometimes for one reason or another, and there are an even ten thousand of these one reasons or another, it is absolutely impossible to print a letter no matter how good it may be, and if an editor was to write and explain the whereof of the non appearance of all these letters, his postage bill would annually amount to about half of all the money he receives on subscriptions. I mean the net receipts and that is mighty little for every paper has its deadbeats who unshamefacedly let the paper come to them for years, who read and enjoy it, then when they think that set-

ting day is near will calmly put the paper back in the postoffice and mark it refused. His paper has been coming to him regularly. While he was on the list he had the same treatment as did his neighbor who was paid in advance, and every week it was costing the publishers some good money to send it to him. The publisher trusted the man who was taking the paper and reading it and he believed that he would come and pay for it when he was due. He certainly did not think to select any one out of the lists as a man who would be so mean as to take and read his paper and then turn it down without paying what he was due. This paper used to be pretty badly run down and last winter there were several hundred subscribers who were way behind and who had no incentive to make them come forward and pay up. The paper was rotten, had always been rotten and it stood to reason that it would always remain so. In the early stages of the building up process when we asked the delinquents to pay up their dues in order that things could be started up, we lost a good many of those the furthestest behind. A lot of them came in like honest men and paid every cent that they owed and then asked that the paper be stopped until our promises were made good. All of those men are back on the mailing list now as paid in advance subscribers and they are bringing us new ones every week by saying a good word to their friends. We like and esteem them as men who would scorn to do a dishonest act and hope that their names will be written in big letters in the records of those who are drafted over the river, when they fall for the great conscription.—Scapegoat.

**STANLY MAN WAS KILLED AT STILL IN PITCHED BATTLE**  
**Two Others Wounded and Two Alleged Blockaders Are Lodged in Albemarle Jail—Plant Wrecked.**

Albemarle, Oct. 14.—As the result of a pitched battle between officers of Stanly county near here last night and a gang of whiskey blockaders, one man is dead, two are wounded and two others are now in Stanly county jail. None of the officers was injured except one, who is suffering from powder burns. Virgil Lee Pinion is the dead man and Will Smith, alleged to have been the leader of the gang, and a man named Howell are the two under arrest. The two men known to have been wounded made their escape, leaving trails marked by blood through the woods. Acting on information that a gang would be gathered at a point about six miles north of this place, four deputies sheriff surrounded the spot in the early evening. Shortly after a number of men gathered at the illicit distillery and as the officers attempted to get nearer they were discovered and fire was opened upon them. The officers returned the fire and for some time a pitched battle raged in the darkness. When the fight ceased the officers sent for reinforcements and then searched the grounds. Pinion was found dead with several bullets in his body. Smith and Howell, who were recognized by the officers in the light of the flashes from their guns, were arrested at their homes later. The two wounded men are said to be known. A large blockade still was cut to pieces.

**EVEN LITTLE BABIES WERE CRUCIFIED BY THE GERMANS**

Dr. Hills, From Personal Observation, Tells of Atrocities in France and Belgium—Plan Pre-Arranged.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—German atrocities were described by Dr. Newell Dwight Hills of Brooklyn, and united Great Britain's determination to see the war through was set forth by T. P. O'Connor, member of parliament, at a Liberty loan rally here today, sponsored by the National Security League as the fourth of a cycle of patriotic mass-meetings.

Both speakers have visited the devastated portions of Belgium and Northern France and pictured the scenes they had witnessed, while Dr. Hills quoted portions of affidavits secured by allied agents in proof of his assertions that the crimes were the direct outcome of Germany's pre-arranged plan for making war.

"Make yourselves more frightful than the Huns under Atilla," he asserted the Kaiser charged his soldiers. "See that for a thousand years no enemy mentions the very name of Germany without shuddering."

After detailing authenticated instances of wanton slaughter, crucifixion of babies and other indescribable crimes, he asserted:

"Whether this war goes on five years or ten years it will go on until these Frenchmen and Belgians who have suffered are on German soil."

According to Mr. O'Connor the "fundamental issue of this war is the conflict between essential Christianity and essential paganism."

Racial and religious lines have disappeared in Great Britain, he asserted, in the united determination to crush junkerism.

"It is the Sermon on the Mount," he concluded, "or the German war book that is to decide the further morality of the world."

The United States Supreme court has advanced the several cases to test the constitutionality of the draft law and set December 10 as the date of the hearing.

**KERENSKY CALLS UPON FLEET TO DEFEND THE FATHERLAND**  
**Premier Sends Message "Tell the Baltic Fleet Hour of Trial Has Come"—Step Criminal Levity.**

Petrograd, Oct. 14.—The German forces which landed on Oesel island, in the Gulf of Riga, under the cover of 50 war vessels, had occupied up to 10 o'clock Saturday morning the whole northern and eastern part of the island and were within 12 verstis of Arenburg on the southern shore, according to an announcement made today by the Russian naval general staff. The Russians still occupy Serel point and the Svob peninsula on the southwestern coast.

It now develops that the Germans did not occupy Dago island, north of Oesel, and at the head of the Gulf of Finland, but contented themselves with making a demonstration against it. Premier Kerensky in an urgent appeal to the Baltic fleet to defend the fatherland, "in this hour of trial," divulged the fact that the garrison of Kronstadt, the chief fortress and military port of Russia and the station of the Baltic fleet, 20 miles west of Petrograd, by its attitude has weakened the defensive resources of the fortress.

Eight dreadnoughts, a dozen light cruisers, 440 torpedo boats and 30 mine sweepers participated in the German landing on Oesel island. The people of Petrograd received the news of the occupation calmly. The newspapers publish interviews with some of the cabinet ministers and others who agreed that while the operation seriously affects Russia's strategic position, it does not constitute an immediate menace to the Russian capital.

Premier Kerensky today sent a telegram to the commander-in-chief of the northern armies, in which he said:

"Tell the redoubtable Baltic fleet that the hour of trial has arrived. Russia expects for her safety a valiant effort by the navy and I, as generalissimo, demand that the sailors make sacrifices."

"The hour has come when the Baltic fleet can defend the honor of the fatherland and the great traditions of liberty of the revolution. It is time to reflect seriously and to cease to co-operate involuntarily with the cause of the enemy. The garrison of Kronstadt has by its attitude, already caused the defensive resources of the fortress to be incomplete."

"Let all remember that the fatherland will not forgive criminal levity. Let the abominable crime of the battleship Petropavlovsk be redeemed; let the fleet repulse the enemy under command of its officers whose patriotism is well known to all Russia."

As the result of a misunderstanding that arose on board the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk out of the action of the general assembly of the democratic bodies on calling upon officers of the army and navy in Finland to sign a pledge of fidelity to the Russian provisional government, four officers who refused to sign the pledge were shot at Helsingfors last month by members of the crew. The action of the men on the Petropavlovsk later was condemned by the Helsingfors revolutionary committee and all the sailors who participated in the mutiny were arrested.

**BICKETT BATTERY HAS A KITTEN FOR A MASCOT**

Union County Boy Got "Countersign" and "Counterpane" Mixed Up—Boys Buy Liberty Bonds.

(By Archie Fairley.)

Camp Sevier, Oct. 13. — "Halt! Who goes there?" Advance and give the countersign." This was really pulled off by one of our men white on guard one night last week.

A very interesting fight was pulled off near our Company Street last Monday evening. The mascot of Battery C, which is a coon, jumped on the mascot of Battery E, which is a dog. They fought for several minutes when it was ended by the coon killing the dog. The only trouble about the fight was that our boys had to carry the dog to the woods next day and bury him.

We now have a volunteer mascot, a bobbed tail kitten. This kitten strayed into our kitchen several days ago and made himself at home. We did have two kittens but the coon killed one, which was a great blow to John McCorkle as he found it in the woods and had adopted it.

Thursday was a holiday for Camp Sevier. This holiday was given in interest of Liberty Loan Bonds. A canvass was made of the whole camp and up to date \$485,800.00 of bonds have been sold. Battery D was right in the lead of the 113th Regiment, raising nearly \$1,100.00, which was one fourth of what our regiment raised. Our Battery lacks about forty men having as many as the other batteries, but nearly every man in our battery bought a bond ranging from \$50 to \$150.

Thursday afternoon a large parade took place in Greenville. About 8,000 soldiers passing in review. Everyone was allowed to go and witness it. The streets of Greenville were thronged with visitors, it being nearly possible for any one to make their way about the streets. The stores were decorated with flags and many signs were displayed calling on everyone to buy a bond. The day was very much enjoyed by the soldiers and they hope there will be more holidays.

Though the people support the government, the government should not support the people.—Grover Cleveland.