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### FULL STRENGTH OF TEUTONIC EFFORT NOT YET DEVELOPED

But the Hardening of Italian Defense Leads Secretary Baker to Contemplate Future With Confidence.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Hardening of the Italian defense and the precision with which British and French reinforcements are being delivered in the Italian war theater leads Secretary Baker in his weekly war review tonight to contemplate the future in that field with confidence. He points out, however, that the full strength of the Austro-German efforts has not yet been developed.

Further allied offensives on the western front, Mr. Baker says, are indicated by increased artillery fire and the nervousness exhibited by the Germans. The only reference to the sector of this front where American troops occupy first line trenches, is that the men have shown themselves worthy on the best traditions of the American army.

"The training of our national army is now progressing rapidly," the statement says. "At all the camps the morale of our new citizens-soldiers is reported as excellent."

"The men who have been called upon to defend our country in the present emergency, are taking hold of the work in a serious, high minded spirit, which will produce the best results."

"The British and French officers who are to assist in instructing our new armies are arriving. They come for the purpose of instituting our men into the latest developments of modern warfare, so that from the very outset our forces may be trained according to the most efficient time, and life-saving methods."

"In France, the training of our troops is likewise being carefully continued. In the sector where our forces are in the trenches, they have shown themselves worthy of the best traditions of our armies."

"After the successes gained by the allies in the west during the preceding week, the relative calm of the last seven-day period was to be anticipated."

"It is significant, however, that the reaction of the enemy has been relatively slight both in the region north of the Aisne and in Flanders."

"At this season of the year the sodden, fog-bound fields of Flanders and the bad weather which prevails along the entire western front, makes it difficult to co-ordinate major operations with precision. Nevertheless, artillery preparation has continued in the two chief theaters of activity in professional training for our teachers, engagements."

"Destructive hostile artillery fire is noted in the areas along the Yser, centering around Dixmude, and the shelling by the enemy increased during the latter part of the week, betraying a decided nervousness on the part of the Germans lest any unexpected offensive action develop."

"Along the French front no engagements of importance are recorded."

"The news from Italy is more encouraging. Operations involving the skilful handling of large masses of troops and the reorganization of defensive positions, entailing superhuman efforts on the part of officers and men alike, have been carried out by the Italian armies with energy and courage."

"All sectors of the Italian theater of operations continue the scene of much hard fighting. The enemy along four different lines of attack is endeavoring to outflank and if possible to crush the Italian armies and debauch into the heart of northern Italy."

"In spite of the intense strain of the engagements in which the Italian rear guard acquitted themselves very well, the Italian defense is hardening."

"While it must be acknowledged that the full Austro-German strength in the Tenthio has not yet been developed and developments in this sector must be awaited, nevertheless, the present temper of the Italian armies and the strong allied reinforcements which are arriving smoothly and methodically in the Italian theater, should lead us to contemplate the future with confidence."

The secretary reviews at length the military situation in Palestine and Mesopotamia, which he says, "must be considered if we are to arrive at a clear perspective of the purposes of the war." He asserts that the investment of Jerusalem by the British is taking shape, that Jaffa, the principal seaport of Palestine, is under allied gun fire by land and sea, and indicates that its fall is impending, to the great relief of the allied supply lines. (Capture of Jaffa was announced by London today.) That the Turkish forces in Palestine have lost half their effectiveness in the fighting also is noted.

"The German high command," the statement continues, "must now concentrate its efforts in an attempt to stem the British advance, and this will probably relieve whatever hostile pressure it was proposed by the Germans to bring to bear against Bagdad."

Mr. Baker notes increased activity in the Balkan war theatre and concludes with the statement that the situation in Russia continues disturbed.

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A woman can make a fool of almost any man if nature doesn't get the start of her.

### Objected to Negro in Uniform.

Joseph B. Sanders, a St. Louis negro, who was commissioned a second lieutenant in the national army after taking a training course at Des Moines, has complained to the war department that he was compelled by white citizens of Vicksburg, Miss., to remove his uniform, and that he fled the city in disguise. Sanders now is stationed at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and sent a letter to the war department from that post. In a letter to the editor of a negro paper at St. Louis here, Sanders said he was inhospitably received by white soldiers.

If the negro is telling the truth—if he was stripped of his uniform simply because some white people objected to a negro in uniform—then those white people should wear a striped uniform for a season. But there may be another side to the story. And the other side has since come out. A statement from Vicksburg says the Saunders incident is unknown there but that Geo. Lee, a negro lieutenant, who said he was from Memphis, got into trouble by rebuking white soldiers who failed to salute him, and the soldiers threatened to strip him of his uniform. Lee was given protection by the civil authorities and there was no violence.

### Americans Left Trail of Blood.

Complete details and verified reports of the recent German trench raid show that the American troops on that occasion set an example for courage and valor unequalled. The officer who had charge of verifying the accounts of the raid said to the Associated Press correspondent: "I am proud to say that our men engaged in the fight did everything within their power. They jumped into the fight and stuck in it. In the first place the troops had been in the trenches less than three hours when the barrage fire of the Germans began. They had marched a good part of the previous night and were tired. Some of them were allowed to go to sleep in a dugout 25 feet under ground.

"When the barrage began these men did not hear the racket. It is apparent that the first they knew of it was when the Germans started throwing grenades down upon them. It was these men who were taken prisoner, but they fought well, even when surprised that way, for the stairs of the dugout were covered with blood, especially the top half, showing that the Germans there must have been hit. The entrance to the dugout also gave indications of close hand-to-hand fighting.

"From the dugout through the trenches and over the top through the barbed wire and well into No Man's Land, there was a wide, red trail. How much of it was American and how much German blood is not known."

### Benefit Sale for Red Cross and Hospital.

Next Saturday, 24th, the Woman's Club will have another sale at same place, if weather permits, proceeds to be divided between Red Cross and hospital fund. Everybody interested will please contribute clothing, shoes, stockings, hats, old dishes, pans, chairs, etc., and send to Mr. Vann Funderburk's store. A nice sum was raised last Saturday and the ladies hope for even better results next time.

### "Over the Top?"

In the nation, the state, and the counties all around us the people have gone "over the top" in the M. C. A. war-work canvass. Union county has only reached about one-half of its apportionment, or a little less than the 315 Davidson college students gave in one evening. The canvass ends today. Will our county be placed in the "slacker" list? There is time still to prevent this as our leading industrial corporation has made a generous offer of one fourth of the entire apportionment provided that the county raise the other three fourth, viz. \$5,000. "We can if we will."—Chairman of County Committee.

### Increase in Business by Trust Companies in North Carolina.

The trust companies in North Carolina have resources of \$49,028,135.02, a gain of \$13,774,666.05, or 39% over last year according to the 15th annual edition of "Trust Companies of the United States," just published by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York.

The 1917 book, which is now being distributed, consists of about 600 pages and contains a wealth of interesting figures and data. Resources, detailed statements, names of officers and directors, stock quotations, etc., are given for more than 2000 companies.

In the preface, John W. Platten, President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, says in part: "With the 1917 edition of 'Trust Companies of the United States,' this publication reaches its fifteenth issue and in the period covered, trust companies have achieved notable gains in strength and influence.

The figures for the year ending June 30th, 1917, show total resources to be nearly \$9,000,000,000, an increase of more than \$1,300,000,000, or 17% over last year. For the five-year period trust company resources have increased nearly \$3,500,000,000, or upwards of 63%.

"The yearly summing up, therefore, affords cause for the utmost satisfaction on the part of trust companies of the county and the rapidly growing clientele served by them."

### JOHN M. MOREHEAD MAY OPPOSE SENATOR SIMMONS

Belief is Expressed That G. O. P. Will Make Active Campaign For Democratic Seat.

Asheville, Nov. 17. — Unless the recently conceived, and well laid plans of a number of Republicans at home and abroad, miscarry, Senator Simmons will next year encounter heated and articulate, if not serious opposition to reelection. A number of Republicans have thought it all over, and so has the national senatorial committee, of which Mr. Galinger of New Hampshire, is chairman.

Hon. John M. Morehead is to be asked to serve the minority party as its candidate. Those actively interested hope to get his assent to the program, but it is not certain, if too early for the senatorial candidates or possibilities to come into the open, even to the extent of placing themselves in the hands of their friends. It is certain, however, that Republicans looking after party affairs in their national aspect will supplement the effort being made by a number of North Carolina Republicans to induce Mr. Morehead to make the race, and there is some indication that the state factions will come together with a fair degree of unanimity, in the face of the deeply entrenched common enemy.

### PLAN MAJOR OPERATION

It is the idea of the Republicans to develop the senatorial contest in this state next year into one of the major operations. Can Kerensky come back? Is the British government to withhold from the Little Welsh Attorney a vote of confidence? Is Mr. Simmons, almost the second in command in the Wilson works, to encounter serious opposition? Republicans say the contest is to portend something of this size and character, and to make certain of it, well known speakers will be brought to the state under the auspices of the senatorial committee. It is planned to have Mr. Roosevelt fill a number of engagements, and the belief is expressed that the colonel would like nothing better. One hears the intimation that the Roosevelt and Weeks supporters from this state understood one another at Chicago.

The North Carolina senator, as chairman of the finance committee, aided mightily in executing the orders from the executive department of the government, both in times of peace and war. North Carolina is a good part of the Washington government. Why, therefore, Republicans inquire, should not the party concentrate its fire largely upon Mr. Simmons, assuming that the Republicans propose seriously to oppose the party in power.

### SOME DEMOCRATS UNEASY

Democrats have expressed uneasiness in some of the congressional districts, owing to issues growing mainly out of the war. Republicans profess to be looking for some sort of grounds which will give their party a chance in this state to get somewhere in the next campaign. Republicans do not expect to hold a senatorial primary next year, since the law is not mandatory, in this respect. They consider it likely, however, that Mr. Simmons will request a primary. This part of the election machinery serves as a good moral binder upon those who participate, and would nullify in advance, to a large extent, the subsequent campaign efforts of the Republicans.

Officers of the Republican clubs of the eighth, ninth and tenth districts are planning a Republican conference, to be held soon, probably at Hickory. Republicans say that since the Democrats, war or no war, have divided up the country into zones and sectors for the 1918 offensive, it is time for Republican action.

### Social.

The U. D. C.'s were entertained Thursday afternoon by Miss Mary Blair. Roll call response was items about Jefferson Davis. Miss Blair gave a sketch of his courtship and also an interesting contrast between the lives of Davis and Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. V. D. Sikes read a beautiful account of his life and works, and Mrs. C. D. Meacham closed the program with a reading. Miss Anna Blair assisted in serving refreshments.

The Chautauqua Circle held a delightful meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. J. Boger. Current events were given at roll call and a very interesting program was carried out, taken from the book "Life in Ancient Athens." At the conclusion of the program the hostess served fruit.

### Teachers' Meeting December 15th.

1. Devotional Exercises.  
2. Teaching of Spelling based on Charter's Teaching the Common Branches, by Miss Puet of Waxhaw.  
3. The Teaching of Penmanship based of Charter's Teaching the Common Branches, by Prof. W. L. Motes of Prospect.  
4. Language based on Charter's Teaching the Common Branches, led by Prof. R. W. Allen.

It is our purpose to pursue some more or less definite method in our Teachers' Association meetings, of professional training for our teachers. Of course some of our teachers have already had special training, but the majority have not and it is especially for these that this course is being stressed. However, it is our desire that all teachers enter most heartily into the work, and this is necessary that the best results may be obtained. R. N. NISBET, President Teachers Association.

### BIG SHAKEUP IN THE MAIL ROUTES; NO. 9 DISCONTINUED

All of the Routes in the County Are Affected Somewhat by New Order That Goes Into Effect After Dec. 1.

Not since the rural mail routes were established in this county have such sweeping changes been made that will go into effect Dec. 1. Nearly every patron in the county will find that his mail will now come on a different route from the one on which he has been receiving it all these years, and one route, No. 9, has been discontinued. The carrier, Mr. A. J. Green, has been transferred to a Kannapolis, N. C. route.

The changes have been ordered by the postoffice department to give more general service. There is no dispute that this will not be the result of the new order, but there is complaint heard that a worse time than now could not be selected in which to make the changes. Coming at Christmas time, when the mail clerks are worked to over-capacity, the new order will cause a great deal of confusion.

### Shakeup at Unionville

Unionville, route 1, is shortened two miles by the new changes, while route two is increased two miles. The routes there will go the following way: No. 1 will go north and northeast on new road to Watson's corner, west and retrace 3-4 mile, northeast to Tarlton's corner, east and southeast to Long's store and retrace, west and northwest to Brief, west to J. Pigg's corner, southwest to Kings corner, south to Bethlehem church, easterly to Flanagan corner, northeast to Concord road, south, irregularly to Helms' place, east to postoffice; total length, 26.40.

No. 2 will go north and northeast over new road to Sikes' Mill road, northerly on Sikes' Mill road to Long's corner, east and southeast to Hinson's corner, southwest to Five Forks, southeast to Griffin's corner, northeast via Baucum's corner Hinson's corner, southeast to New Hope church, southwest to Flint school house, southeast and south to Simpson's corner, west to Hargett's corner, southwest to Rushing's corner, southeast to Austin's store, retracing, southwest to Oakgrove cross roads, southwest and northeast to Piny Grove school, northwest to postoffice; total length, 28.22.

### HOW THE ROUTES WILL RUN AT MARSHVILLE

The following changes go into effect at Marshville: Route No. 2 as revised will run as follows: Beginning at office the carrier will go north and northwest to Deese place, north and northeast to Sugar and Wine road, northerly by Fairfield crossing to Smith's Forks, northerly to Richardson Creek bridge, northwest, northeast by White's school to Morgan Academy, southeast to Euto, southwest, southerly to Richardson creek bridge, south and southeast, irregularly, by Ross's store to Hamilton's Cross Roads, south and southwest to Ross corner, southeast and southwest to postoffice.

### ROUTE NO. TWO.

(T. L. Love, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice, the carrier will go northerly to Simpson's corner, easterly to Myer's corner, northeast to Braswell corner, northerly, northwest and west to Unionville postoffice, east, south and west to Concord road, north to Price's corner, westerly to G. Holms' corner, southwest and southerly to postoffice; total length 25.615.

### ROUTE NO. THREE.

(J. H. Mills, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice, the carrier will go east and northeast to Olive Branch road, northeast, east and northeast to Lawyer's road, north, northeast to A. J. Brooks', retracing to Dry Hill school corner, north to W. H. Griffin's corner, northeast and northerly to J. C. Griffin's and E. M. Helms' corner, southeast to Olive Branch road, southwest to Dry Hill school corner, south, east and southerly to York school, southwest irregularly to Richardson creek river bridge, northwest and north to postoffice; total length \$8.150.

### ROUTE NO. FOUR.

(S. H. Rogers, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice, the carrier will go south to Blakeney place, south on Wolf Pond road to Altan school, westerly to Plyler Mill road, northerly to Lathan road, southwest on Lathan road to L. F. Lathan place, northwest to Rocky River road, north to Broom's store, northeast on Lancaster road to Mt. Carmel church, south on Plyler Mill road to the road leading east south of New Hope church, northeast to Griffin road, northeast to the postoffice; total length 27 miles.

### ROUTE NO. FIVE.

(Frank Secrest, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice, the carrier will go west to Heath place, southwest to Tindell place, northwest on Rocky River road, west to Bearskin creek, retracing the new road, northwest on the new road to Sutton's corner, north and northeast to Gold Mine road, west to Gordon's corner, southeast to F. M. Sutton's residence and southwest to S. G. Howie's corner, westerly to Price's Store, southeast and south on Potter road to New Town road, southeast to McCorkle's store, southwest 1/2, retracing 3/4, southeast and south to Corinth school corner, northeast to postoffice; total length, 27.550.

### ROUTE NO. SIX.

(A. B. Helms, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice the carrier will go westerly to the Rocky River road, northerly to Helms' corner, southeast on Davis Mine road southeast and northeast via Icomorless Mills to W. H. Phifer's corner, northwest on Charlotte road southeast to Craig's corner, northeast to Charlotte road, northwest to Aubrey place, northeast via Stout P. O. to Central Grove church, southeast on Secrest and Concord roads to postoffice; total length, 27.200.

### ROUTE NO. SEVEN.

(Formerly Route No. 8.) (J. T. Cox, Carrier.) Starting at the postoffice the carrier will go south and southeast on New Road to Pistol corner, northeast and east on Outen road to J. Outen's corner, south and southeast to Belks Mill, north to Collin's road, retracing south to Beulah church, west to Stack road, northwest and north to the postoffice; total length, 27.75.

### LOOP ROUTE

ROUTE NO. 8, FORMERLY NO. 10. (Wash Belk, Carrier.) Starting at Altan (no office) the carrier will go south on Wolfe Pond road to Mangum's corner, east to Broom's corner, south to Lee corner, east, southeast and southerly to Walters' corner, southeast to Walters' mill, northeast to Plyler's corner, south to Ashler Plyler's corner, westerly to Dudley road, northwest over new road to Wolf Pond road, north to Trinity church corner, west to Belk's corner, northeast to Starnes' corner, east to Altan (no office) the starting point; total length, 22.42.

### Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN RECEIVES IMPETUS FROM MILL OFFER

Campaign to Raise \$4,000 Stimulated By Offer of Mr. Iccman to Give \$4,000 if County Would Donate Remainder.

The gallant Y. M. C. A. workers, who are endeavoring to raise \$4,000 in this county for the war-work, were proceeding in half-hearted fashion until yesterday morning, when Mr. Charles Iccman announced that the cotton mills, of which he is at the head, would give \$1,000 if the county would furnish the rest of the \$4,000 assessment. The campaign immediately began to take on more interest, and today, with reports from communities outside of Monroe lacking, it appears that the efforts of the workers will be crowned with success.

A mass meeting for last night was hurriedly arranged following Mr. Iccman's announcement. Owing to the coldness of the weather, few people were out, but those present left the court room more determined than ever to raise our allotment after listening to inspiring talks from Dr. H. E. Gurney, Mr. W. J. Pratt, Mayor John C. Sikes and Judge W. O. Lemmond. Music was rendered by the Iceomorlee band.

### Marshville Happenings.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, Nov. 19.—Mrs. C. E. Bailey and daughters, Misses Christine and Florence, of Charlotte visited the former's brother, Mrs. J. E. Thomas, several days last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Evans, Thursday, Nov. 15, a girl. Mr. Bascom Phifer, Miss Glennie Phifer and Rev. J. W. Little attended the funeral and interment of Mrs. A. B. Caudle at Wadesboro Thursday. Mr. Tom Jordan of Guess, S. C. and Mr. Mott Tadlock, until recently of Marshville, have exchanged farms and Mr. Jordan expects to move his family to his new home in January.

Miss Lizzie Boyd begins teaching the school at Jenkins Cross Roads today. Mrs. Lillie A. Price and Miss Bessie May Hallman leave tonight for an extended visit to Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Williams at Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Joe C. Baker was "at home" from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon to her Sunday school class. The boys enjoyed the games and refreshments. Miss Mamie Tadlock spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wingate.

Mrs. Oscar Austin and daughter of Wingate were guests of Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ross, Saturday and Sunday. Misses May and Ida Belk of Weddington were guests of Mrs. S. Taylor Friday. Miss Ida has returned home, and Miss May is teaching the school at Gilboa.

Miss Lou Hasty has been visiting friends in Peachland for the past ten days. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Edwards, Messrs. Clyde and J. M. Edwards and Claude Griffin attended the funeral and burial of Mr. Troy Edwards of Burnsville township at Jerusalem Primitive Baptist church this afternoon.

Miss Sallie Harrell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Plummer Stewart, in Charlotte. Mrs. Ed. H. Moore spent today with Mrs. Ernest Barrett in Monroe. Miss Esther Little leaves Thursday for Sanford to go in training at the C. C. S. hospital.

The pupils of the graded school contributed to the Red Cross fund this morning. The idea was a penny for each year of age, or more, and the amount raised was near fifty dollars. Corn shuckings seem to be the favorite evening pastime in this community at present and from all reports the high cost of living does not affect the tables set, for the man with the corn has the things to go with it.

A man isn't necessarily a failure because he has failed.

Widowers, like tumbled-down houses, should be re-paired.

place, northwest and west up McCain road to Walkersville church, northeast and north up Potter road to Lockes' place, west and north to Waxhaw road, northwest to Rollings' place, northwest to Shannon place, southwest and west to Shannon corner, thence northwest to the postoffice; total length, 26.850.

Speaking of the changes made in his territory, Postmaster J. W. McCain states: All patrons will take due notice of the above changes and arrange their boxes accordingly, and supply each box with a list of each patron that will be entitled to mail so the carriers as well as the postmaster will know where to send your mail.

These carriers are all men of long experience and come well recommended but it will be necessary for each of you to heartily co-operate with them in order to make the service highly efficient, and should your mail not come as you think it should, do not be too hasty to condemn the carrier but assist them all you can, for I assure you they will do their best. Remember these are war times and it will probably take some time to get these changes all perfected, as this will effect a portion of Monroe, Minera Springs and Lancaster routes, and some mail will necessarily go to these places and is likely to be delayed in forwarding, so it will be well for you to notify your publishers of these changes. Then let us all strive together and try to make the service of the greatest possible benefit to all concerned.

### CHANGES AT WAXHAW

The following revision has been made in the Waxhaw routes: No. 2, starting at postoffice, will go southeast on Providence road to Ebenezer colored church, southwest and southerly through Crowburg crossing Waxhaw creek to Tarleton corner, east to Hermon church corner, south and east to Simpson's corner, southeast and south to Walkup place, south and southwest to Landsford and Wadesboro road, northeast and north to Wallace place, north to Robert Stewart place, north and northeast to McCain Mills, westerly to the Providence road, thence northerly on Providence road to the postoffice; total length, 25.330.

No. 4 will leave postoffice and go northeast and north via Howie mine to the New Town road, west to little Twelve Mile creek bridge, west, retracing, north easterly to Wesley Chapel church, southwest and south to the New Town road, southeast on New Town road via Zion church to the Monroe road, southwest to Potter road, south on Potter road northwest to Pleasant Grove church, north west and southwest on the Monroe road to the postoffice; total length, 25.625.

No. 5 will go southeast to Waxhaw Round Top church, east, Black's place, southeast to W. R. McNeely's, east and northeast, retracing to J. C. Helms, southwest to R. P. Plyler's