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GERMAN FORCES ARE INVADING RUSSIA

Russia, Seeking Peace, Facing More Fighting Than Any of the Other Countries.

With Russia in the grip of internecine strife, and her battle line denuded of men as a result of the peace declaration of the Bolsheviks, Germany has already begun the carrying out of her threat of an invasion because of the failure of the Bolsheviks to sign a peace compact with the central powers. A dispatch from Berlin announces that German troops have crossed the Dyina river.

Reports emanating from Sweden say that the Germans have begun pushing forward their troops into Russia's two remaining Baltic provinces—Esthonia and Livonia—the taking of which completely isolated Russia from the shores of the Baltic and give the enemy, in addition to the port of Riga, the city of Reval, situated on the Gulf of Finland opposite Helsingfors, whence they easily might operate against Petrograd by sea.

Although Austria-Hungary had shown dissatisfaction over the stand that Germany has taken toward Russia, the dual monarchy evidently has been placated by a promise of Germany that any German military activity will be confined to northern Russia, and Austria-Hungary left to deal with whatever other problems may arise in the territory adjacent to her borders.

Belated dispatches from Petrograd tell of the capture of Kiev, the new capital of the Ukraine, by the Bolsheviks. The fighting is described as having been of an extremely sanguinary character, 4,000 persons having been killed and several thousand wounded. Great destruction was wrought in the town by shells and explosives dropped by aviators.

At Odessa another big battle has been fought between the Bolsheviks and the moderates, during which warships in the harbor bombarded the city. Polish legions at Minsk are declared to have been sanguinarily defeated and put to route, while the Bolsheviks also are reported to have captured Torgorod, on the Black sea, and Voronezh, capital of the province of the same name.

On the battle front in France and Flanders the operations continue of a minor character, except for artillery duels on isolated sectors and here and there raids of more than usual violence. The only attack of importance along the entire front has been in Champagne, on the sector where the French, aided by American gunners, captured German positions last Tuesday.

Twenty-seven persons were killed and 41 injured in the air raid made by the Germans on London Saturday and Sunday nights. As on Saturday night only one of the six or seven enemy machines which attempted to penetrate the defensive barrage of the British, reached London in Sunday night's attack. A third raid was attempted against the capital Monday night.

The British casualties during the last week were the lowest in many months, 1,403 officers and men having been killed. The wounded and missing totalled 2,063.

Over 22,000 Women Pledged to Work on War Savings Campaign.

Over 22,000 organized women in North Carolina pledged to make the War Savings Campaign of this State "go over the top" before the end of this year was the feature of the last meeting of the War Savings Institute held in Raleigh on Wednesday of this week. Fourteen thousand of these women were organized farm women who were pledged by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State home demonstration agent. The remaining 8,000 were the club women of the State whose pledge was given by Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, president of the State Federation of Women's Club.

Speaking for the women of the country Mrs. McKimmon said that the country women are patriotic, and that many of them were learning to save, but what they needed most was to know how to invest safely their savings. Therefore, Mrs. McKimmon said, the War Savings Stamps plan of saving and investing was a most welcome opportunity and a work the country people would heartily enter into. She believed that the 250,000 or more other rural women affiliated with the canning and other club work in the country could be counted on to take the lesson of Thrift to every home and practically every person in the country.

The work of organizing War Savings Societies particularly the plan of converting existing organizations into War Savings Societies was endorsed by both groups of women and this will be the first work that all organized women in the State will take up. The next sixty days will be a campaign to get every citizen of the State into a War Savings Society. This plan of saving, investing and getting others to save has been adopted by State and National authorities as the foundation and purpose of the War Savings campaign.

Form of Flour Certificate.

To the Public:

Under the recent ruling of the Food Administration, a retailer is permitted to sell a farmer as much as 48 pounds of flour, instead of 24 pounds, without purchasing cereal substitutes, when the farmer signs the following certificate:

"I hereby certify that I have PRODUCED, (not bought) and am consuming upon my table wheat flour substitutes at the rate of not less than one pound of such substitutes for every pound of flour I use. I further certify that I have on hand or under contract not more than — pounds of wheat flour."

These certificates must be signed by the farmer purchaser and kept by the retailer and may be used by him in purchasing an equal amount of wheat flour without substitutes. The rule, however, does not apply to a person who has bought his cereal substitutes.

Rule No. 3 of the Rules and Regulations prescribed by the Food Administration, provides that potatoes, both Irish and sweet, shall be bought and sold by the pound, except where they are put up in standard barrels, standard boxes, or standard hampers. A bushel of potatoes, Irish or sweet, should weigh fifty-six pounds.

J. L. C. BIRD,
County Food Administrator.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Hattie Morgan died at her home here on last Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock, after a very short illness. She was buried at Pineville. She leaves four children, two sisters and one brother.

Miss Mamie Goforth of Glenwood spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

T. B. Landis spent Monday here on business.

Misses Ruth Hunter and Belle Dobson of Greenlee spent Sunday with their grandmother.

T. J. Gibbs of Marion spent Sunday here with his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Tyler.

Miss Adeline Wilkinson visited home-folks at Old Fort Monday.

G. D. Taylor spent Monday and Tuesday of last week with relatives at Dysartsville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sigmon spent Sunday at the Southern power camps with their daughter, Mrs. R. A. Hemphill.

Joseph Wilson of Ashford spent Sunday here with relatives.

We are very glad to welcome into our midst Mr. Wilson and family of Denver, Colorado, who have moved here recently.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Feb. 18.—J. C. Tipton and family visited home-folks in Burns ville recently.

G. D. Taylor of Nebo was a pleasant visitor here last Monday.

Rev. C. C. Tothorow and wife spent Saturday night with J. M. Goforth.

There are a number of new cases of measles around here now that will hinder the public school and church work. J. L. Spratt and James Taylor made a business trip to Nebo last week.

R. E. Roper made a business trip to Morganton Friday.

Miss Alice Mangum has accepted a position in Rutherford County.

We are glad to see the beautiful sunshine for the past ten days. Farmers are getting busy now.

Ernest Satterwhite has been critically ill with measles for the past few days, but we are glad to report he is improving.

W. H. Taylor is on the sick list. Hope he will be better in a few days.

County Supt. N. F. Steppe was a visitor here last week.

W. W. Dysart of Lenoir was here on business last week.

EAST MARION

East Marion, Feb. 18.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Jarret, Saturday, a daughter.

Lawson Condry spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks near Union Mills.

Misses Nora Bell Morgan and Callie Reel of Curfew were guests of Miss Ethel Morgan Saturday and Sunday.

Marion Parker spent Saturday and Sunday at his home near Old Fort.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Catawba Valley, Feb. 19.—Miss Stella Burgin, who is working in Marion, spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks here.

Mrs. M. H. Grant has been sick with lagrippe but is improving.

Mrs. G. G. Pendergrass of Stroudtown visited relatives in the valley last week.

Murray Tate and family have moved to R. L. Greenlee's farm, and John Outhbertson of Garden City has moved to the Tate place.

J. L. Moody is attending court in Marion this week as a juror.

Enginemen for France.

The War Department has asked the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to furnish 50 men for tank service and 1,000 engineers for transportation service in France.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Two Funerals at Greenlee.

In the hilltop cemetery of Greenlee, lying in the midst of what was once the D. W. Greenlee plantation, there were recently two burials within ten days of each other.

The first was that of the infant son of Francis Leland Greenlee, eldest son of Mr. E. L. Greenlee, who for some years has been with the Aluminum Co. of Baden, N. C. On Sunday, February 3rd, the grief-stricken young parents brought their heart's treasure to its grandfather's home here for burial from thence the next day. Very sweet and angelic was the baby's face as it lay in its little white coffin, the delicate features and flower-like hands showing no trace of the short, sharp struggle with pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wagley, of Old Fort, at the home of E. L. Greenlee on the evening of February 4th.

Ten days later there was another burial in the same family plot, that of Dr. John B. Baldwin, married some years ago to Miss Elizabeth Greenlee, well-known in this place, and who, after building up an extensive practice in Tennessee, went West for health conditions. After a most critical operation in a Denver hospital he went to the home of his sister in Roswell, New Mexico. Noted for his skill in surgery, in the interval which must elapse before a second operation, he took up the practice of his profession in New Mexico, often traveling 150 miles in his car to attend patients.

An act of devotion, heroic in his state of health, was the bringing of the body of his mother, who died at his home in New Mexico home for burial among her people in Kentucky last June. But Dr. Baldwin's energy was far beyond his power of endurance. When he returned to Denver for the second operation his strength was not sufficient for it. For the sake of his wife and baby daughter he risked and endured the week-long journey to her father's home here, reaching it on Thursday, February 7th. At nine o'clock, p. m., Tuesday, February 12th, came the death angel and peacefully released him from all pain.

Dr. Baldwin was born in Nicholasville, Kentucky, thirty-three years ago, the son of an old and wealthy family, well known throughout the state. He was graduated with honors from several medical colleges, attending among them Jefferson and the University of Maryland. His skill in medicine and surgery early attracted attention and all his friends grieve for the unfulfilled promise of a life cut short in its prime. While in Denver he united with the Methodist church, in whose teachings he had been trained since childhood. Besides his wife and little daughter, Mary, he leaves a sister and two brothers, now living in the West.

NOTICE.

The McDowell County Union will hold its next meeting at Glenwood School House, Saturday, March 2nd. Public speaking at 10:30 a. m. and executive session in afternoon. A full attendance is desired as this is the beginning of a new year.

W. H. GREENLEE, Pres.
C. M. POOL, Sec'y.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Democratic State committee is called to meet in Raleigh on the night of March 5th, to fix the time and place for the meeting of the State convention.

E. A. Maynard, aged about 50 years, committed suicide Monday at his home in Hickory by shooting himself. He was despondent and in bad health. His wife and three daughters survive.

While at his home in Asheville recently, Judge Frank Carter allowed it to become known that he had no intention to resume the practice of law upon his retirement from the bench. On the contrary, he purposes to devote his future to newspaper work. He stated that he is not considering the Asheville field, the inference being that he desires a location more accessible to the state at large.

Poultry Ruling Applies Only to the Dealers.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—There has been considerable confusion throughout North Carolina as a result of the published order of the food administration affecting the trade in live and freshly dressed hens and pullets. According to State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, this order does not affect local trade in North Carolina, since it applies only to licensed dealers, principally the cold storage concerns.

Every owner of a flock of poultry is being urged as a patriotic duty to refrain from selling for slaughter any hens or pullets. Every hen that is sold before the 1st of May will represent a food loss to the nation of an average of not less than 30 eggs. If the average number of hens and pullets usually sold from February 1 to May 1 is sold this year it will cause an aggregate loss of 150,000,000 eggs. The value of these eggs is 80 per cent. to 100 per cent. of the actual value of the hens. The program being urged by the food administration and the department of agriculture will not entail a loss to the farmer but an actual gain.

The co-operation of all consumers of poultry products is also requested. They are asked to forego the use of fowls on their table during the next few weeks except male stock.

J. M. Tyler Quits School Work.

Mr. J. M. Tyler, who has been principal of the Nebo High School for the past two years, has given up his school work to accept a position with the Marion Insurance & Trust company, succeeding Mr. G. W. Giles, who has resigned to enter the army. Mr. Tyler's services with the Nebo school were very satisfactory, the school making great progress during his administration. The authorities of the school and the people of Nebo regret to lose him.

As yet no one has been named as a successor to Mr. Tyler. Supt. N. F. Steppe is in charge of the school at present and will continue to direct it until a competent man can be secured to take charge of it.

Who saves saves. Buy war savings stamps.