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## 35,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

### Triumphant Allies Have Also Acquired 700 Cannon in Present Drive.

An inkling of what the Germans have lost in men made prisoners and guns captured by the allies during the present great drive has become public through an utterance of the French premier at a ministerial council at which General Foch was made a marshal of France. "Thirty-five thousand prisoners and 700 cannon have been captured," said the premier, who added that Paris was no longer in danger, that Soissons and Chateau-Thierry had been reconquered and that 200 villages had been delivered through the formidable thrust of Foch's men through the Soissons-Rheims salient.

### Fismes Falls to Allies.

After hard fighting the Americans and French have succeeded in taking from the Germans the important town of Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims, while to the east at a number of places along the Vesle river the French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy northeastward. East of Soissons allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne to the northern bank of that stream where they are in a position to harass the enemy as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running northwestward.

### Marne Pocket is Wiped Out.

Paris, Aug. 3.—American troops hold the outskirts of the important German base of Fismes, the French war office announced tonight.

Allied troops have reached the southern banks of the Aisne and Vesle between Soissons and Rheims, a front of nearly 20 miles.

More than 50 additional French villages have been occupied.

The allied advance since yesterday exceeds six and a quarter miles.

The Marne pocket is wiped out. The allies have completely undone the work of the German crown prince's last two efforts to reach Paris—and are still pushing northward.

With the entrance of Americans in the outskirts of Fismes, announced by the French war office Saturday night, the last enemy hold on the Vesle river apparently was broken, and the allies had progressed until they held practically a straight line between Soissons and Rheims.

Battle front dispatches reported that the German retreat was so fast that the Americans were unable to maintain contact with the enemy, only rear guard actions being fought.

Revenue Officers Byron Conley, J. P. Ray and Mr. Robbins made a raid in the Dysartsville section Friday night and succeeded in capturing a eighty-gallon capacity copper distillery and a large quantity of beer. The officers found the still in readiness for operation and there was about 1000 gallons of beer ready for distillation, which was poured out. The officers also found twelve gallons of low wine.

## Death of Dr. J. G. Reid.

Dr. Joseph Gillispie Reid died last Thursday afternoon at the Rutherfordton Hospital, after a brief illness following an operation several days ago. His death came as a great shock to the people of Marion and vicinity. Dr. Reid had been in his usual health and at his place of business until just a few days prior to his illness. His body was brought to Marion on the noon train Friday, and the funeral services held at the M. E. Church, South, on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. C. Story, assisted by Rev. B. S. Lassiter and Rev. E. L. Kirk.

Dr. Reid had been a member of the Methodist church for many years and for the past twenty years served the church faithfully on the board of stewards and as secretary of the Sunday School.

Dr. Reid was born at Blairsville, Ga., in 1873, being 45 years old at the time of his death. He was graduated from the Atlanta Dental College in 1896, coming to Marion and beginning the practice of dentistry immediately after his graduation. He succeeded in building up a very lucrative practice and was widely known for his professional ability and integrity.

In 1904 Dr. Reid was married to Miss Luna Neal of Marion, who, with four small children, survive him. He is also survived by one brother and one sister, Dr. Logan Reid, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. P. N. Watkins, of Blairsville, Ga.

Dr. Reid was prominent, not only in church circles but in fraternal circles, being an active member of the local Masonic and Pythian lodges.

The funeral at the grave was concluded by the Masonic Lodge of Marion with the impressive service used by this fraternity. The floral tributes were very beautiful and in great abundance, testifying to the high esteem in which Dr. Reid was held in his own community. His passing will be mourned not only by his immediate family and near relatives, but by a host of friends who had known him for many years for his many lovely traits of character.

### New Mill Superintendents.

Mr. T. H. Henderson, of The Victor-Manoghan Mills, has been employed by The Clinchfield Manufacturing Company of Marion as superintendent of Mills No. 1 and No. 2. Mr. Henderson has previously been superintendent of The Lynchburg Mills, Lynchburg, Va., and The Riverside and Toxaway Mills of Anderson, S. C., and is a man of wide acquaintance and experience.

Mr. A. F. Hunt who has been assistant superintendent of the Marion and Clinchfield Mills of Marion, has been promoted to the position of superintendent in charge of the Mills of the Marion Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hunt has been with the Marion Mill since it was started in 1909 and is a thorough mill man from every standpoint.

Mr. W. J. Rodgers, formerly second hand in the spinning room of the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company's No. 1 mill, has been promoted and made overseer of spinning at the Marion Manufacturing Company's mill.

## NEW DRAFT BILL URGED

### Bill Introduced in Both Houses That Age Limit for Draft Be 18 to 45 Years.

Washington, Aug. 5.—With an urgent request from Provost Marshal General Crowder that it be enacted without delay, and a suggestion that September 5 next be fixed as registration day for approximately 13,000,000 men throughout the country, the administration's manpower bill requiring the registration for military service of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was introduced today in the senate and house.

Unless immediate steps are taken to provide additional men, General Crowder said the weekly registration of men as they attained 21 years of age will be necessary to fill the draft quotas after September 1, when only 100,000 of the 1918 registrants will be available.

Upon the introduction of the bill, Chairman Chamberlain announced that the senate military committee would meet tomorrow to consider the bill.

He said he did not think hearings would be necessary and only three or four days should be required to report the bill. Chairman Dent, of the house committee, said since only three members of his committee are in Washington, it was doubtful whether the bill could be acted upon before the house re-convenes on August 19.

Suggestions made on the senate floor by Senator Curtis, of Kansas, that the senate abandon its program of recesses and perfunctory sessions until August 24 if the bill can be favorably reported by the committee within a few days were endorsed by Senator Chamberlain. However, senate leaders now in the city said any plans to this effect would be held in abeyance until the committee could determine just how much time would be necessary for a thorough discussion of the bill.

The bill would amend the present selective draft service act so as to require the registration of all men between 18 and 20 years and 32 and 45, inclusive. While the total number of men in the latter classes would total 10,028,973, General Crowder estimates the total number who would be eligible for class 1 would be only 601,236 owing to exemptions for dependents or industrial and physical reasons. Between 18 and 20 years his estimates show that 3,171,771 would register while 1,787,600 men would be eligible for class 1.

### An Appeal for Perfect Socks.

The Red Cross chapter is now asking for perfect socks. Our record for the greater part of the time is "perfect" and we must keep it up to that. A number of pairs which look perfect on the outside are found to have ridges and knots on the inside and a number are sent in with the old toe. If you do not know how to make the Red Cross toe please come to Red Cross headquarters for instruction. These socks must be toed by one of the instructors when they are not correct, and please do not knot your thread. Instructor at Red Cross rooms every Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

## Stacy-Pearson.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stacy at Nebo Wednesday afternoon, July 31st, at 3 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Miss Annie Stacy, became the bride of Mr. Leslie W. Pearson, of Dudley, N. C. Simplicity and beauty marked every detail of the wedding. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Ada Conley, of Marion; the groom entered with his best man, his cousin, Mr. C. E. Cox of Goldsboro, N. C. Following came Mr. Thomas Stacy, brother of the bride, and Miss Estelle Wilson. Next came Miss Mamie Stacy, maid of honor, gowned in a dainty white dress with hat to match. After Miss Stacy, entered the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. T. W. Stacy, who gave her in marriage. She wore a most becoming traveling suit of blue with gray accessories and carried brides roses. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Harry North, uncle of the bride and pastor of the First Methodist church, Durban, assisted by Rev. J. A. Frye, the bride's pastor.

Immediately after the ceremony delicious refreshments were served, after which the bride and groom left for Goldsboro, N. C. on No. 16. From Goldsboro they will motor to Wrightsville Beach and other points on the coast.

The bride received her training at the State Normal College, at Greensboro, and has successfully taught in the schools of McDowell for several years. She has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Pearson is a graduate of Guilford College and of the State University. He is now engaged in the teaching profession and is known in his part of the state as one of the best school superintendents.

### Dysartsville News.

Dysartsville, Aug. 5.—James Street, the singing man from Rutherford county, came up last Sunday afternoon and sang for us in the Baptist church.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church will be continued throughout the week. Rev. C. C. Totherow is doing the preaching, and Prof. Hawkes of Cornelius is leading the singing. The interest is good.

Mrs. Emma Weaver, husband and children of Lawndale, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laughridge.

Will A. Landis of Chelsea, Mass., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Landis.

J. L. Laughridge and family of Marion are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Regina Matthews of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Miss Lona Goforth opened school at Vein Mountain last Monday.

Miss Evelyn Gattys is teaching at Cowan's school.

### FORMER NORTH CAROLINIAN ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON

Washington.—E. L. Travis, of Halifax, N. C., former member of the corporation commission of that state and a leader in North Carolina politics and two other men, E. J. Joseph and Leon Green, were arrested at a Washington hotel by federal authorities charged with conspiring to obtain a contract illegally from the shipping board for a New Jersey company. The name of the concern was not announced.

The only tear we can shed with a smile is the profiteer.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Monday C. M. Pace completed his fiftieth year as clerk of the court of Henderson county and a celebration was held at the court house at Hendersonville in honor of the event.

While he has not received a full report, the county agent of Catawba thinks the yield of wheat in that county will be about six bushels per acre; and that even at \$2.50 per bushel the farmers will lose about \$10 on every acre of wheat—the result of the short yield.

W. T. Lee has been elected chairman of the State corporation commission to succeed E. L. Travis, resigned. J. S. Griffin of High Point is elected chief clerk to the commission to succeed A. J. Maxwell, who was appointed a member of the commission to succeed Travis.

The movement of the interned Germans who have been located at Hot Springs will probably begin this week. The men will be moved to the present camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in groups of about 200 each, under escort of picked sharpshooters from the regular army. About 2,100 Germans are in camp at Hot Springs and the transfer will be completed by the 15th, it is expected.

### Patients at McDowell Hospital.

Dr. W. S. Crawford, of Camp No. 2, Bridgewater, who has been under treatment at the McDowell Hospital for several days, is convalescent.

Mrs. E. F. Greenlee, who has been in the hospital for the past two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. Glendown, of Greenlee, and Miss Lula Mae McDaniel, of Old Fort, are recovering from operations recently.

Jonathan Duncan is recovering from an operation upon his eye.

Oscar McIntosh is also reported improving, following an illness of several weeks.

### British Hospital Ship Torpedoed.

One hundred and fifty patients are reported to have been killed by the explosion of a torpedo which sank the hospital ship Warilda Saturday morning. The ship was returning from France and nearing a home port when the torpedo struck her, penetrating the ward room where patients were accommodated. Seven Americans were among the wounded.

### Call for Convention.

To the Democratic Executive Committee, Precinct Committeemen and Democratic voters in McDowell County:

You and each of you will take notice that the County Convention for the Democratic party will be held in the court house Saturday, August 10th, at 1:30 p. m. and you are hereby most urgently requested to be present, as a full attendance at said convention is desired. This convention is for the purpose of nominating the Democratic county ticket for the general election to be held in November, the officers consisting of Coroner, County Surveyor, County Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, Member of the Legislature and such other elective offices as will be before the voters at the general election.

Please remember the date and be on hand at the above hour.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee for McDowell County.  
W. M. McNAIRY, Chairman.