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CONSTANTINOPLE IS BOMBED

35,000 Prisoners, 380 Guns and Great Stores of Munitions of War, Recent Result of Victory.

Disaster has overtaken the armies of the Teutonic allies on all fields. In Palestine the Turks are all but absolutely crushed; in Macedonia the entente forces are harrying their foes and threatening them with similar disaster; in France the British and French troops slowly but surely are eating their way into the vitals of the German defensive positions, the collapse of which would result in important changes all along the western battle front, and in eastern Siberia the Japanese have made additional strides forward in the process of reclaiming that territory for the Russians.

From north of Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee, in the territory lying between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean sea, the Ottoman forces have been caught by the swift drive of the British armies and virtually annihilated. Added to the heavy casualties suffered by the Turks, hordes of them were made prisoner and many more are wandering, bewildered, without leaders in the hills, eventually to be brought in to swell the great total. At last accounts more than 25,000 of the sultan's soldiers and 260 guns and large quantities of war stores were in British hands.

To add to the demoralization of the Turkish morale, are allied bombing raids against Constantinople.

Over a front of 80 miles in southern Serbia, from Monastir to Lake Dolran, the entente troops are vigorously assailing the Bulgarians and Germans. Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Serbs have taken between 9,000 and 10,000 prisoners and 120 guns.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER IS ORDER OF DAY IN RUSSIA

Washington.—Stories of wholesale slaughter of representative people and former officers because they are "dangerous to the soviet" are told in further accounts reaching the state department of the reign of terror in Russian cities against which the American government has called upon all civilized nations to protest.

All persons coming out of Russia are said to bring reports of the existence of appalling conditions. One detail is that the former officers are shot at night in the cellars, the guns being muffled with silencers.

One Peters, head of the bolshevik extraordinary commission against counter revolutions, is said to sign death warrants without reading the papers.

The latest reports indicate that the British and French consul generals in Moscow are under arrest in their houses. American Consul General Poole is at liberty and permitted to visit his colleagues. Mr. Poole is being generally praised for his courage and vigorous action.

FRENCH ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON BOTH BANKS OF OISE

With the French Army in France.—The French now hold the left bank of the Oise for more than half the distance from La Fere to Mow.

The Germans had evacuated Vendull under menace of being cornered there with their backs to the river by the French advancing in the region of Ly-Fontaine. The French about the same time reached the quarrels just north of Travecy, which completed the conquest of the west bank of the Oise in that region.

JAPANESE HAVE CAPTURED 2,000 AUSTRO-GERMAN TROOPS

London.—Blagoviestchensk, capital of the Siberian province of Amur, and Alexievsk have been occupied by Japanese cavalry, according to information received by the apanese embassy. Two thousand Austro-Germans were taken prisoners. They laid down their arms at Kokka.

Kokka, where the Austro-Germans laid down their arms, is on the right bank of the Amur opposite Blagoviestchensk.

Gov. Bickett to Speak in Marion Next Monday.

Gov. T. W. Bickett speak at the court house in Marion on Monday, Sept. 30, at 11 a. m. He will deliver a patriotic address and hundreds of people from all sections of the county are expected to hear him. Governor Bickett is probably the most thrilling speaker in the State and every man, woman and child in the county should hear him. An especial invitation is extended to Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamp committeemen to attend.

Six Billion Dollars is Sum to Be Raised by Fourth Liberty Loan.

The American people will be asked to subscribe in the next three weeks beginning next Saturday the greatest loan in all history. The treasury department announces that the amount of this, the fourth Liberty loan, will be \$6,000,000,000. The Richmond district is asked to subscribe \$280,000,000 of this. The bonds will bear 4 1-4 per cent interest and will mature in twenty years, with the government reserving the right to pay them in 15 years if it elects,

Mr. J. W. Pless Will Continue as Candidate for The Senate.

I am very much gratified that I am able to state that I am permitted to remain a candidate for the State Senate in this district. Mr. McAdoo, I presume, on account of having the matter brought to his attention, has issued a further order that, where attorneys and employes of railroads had been nominated by any party before his order was issued, they may continue to be such candidate and remain in the service of the Government. This objection being removed and my notice of withdrawal having been widely circulated, I hope my friends will do all they can to let it be known that I will gratefully accept all votes cast for me.

J. W. PLESS.

Bee-keepers May Secure Sugar.

Bee-keepers in North Carolina may secure the necessary amount of sugar needed for carrying their bees over the winter months, is the statement issued by Mr. C. L. Sams, Specialist in Bee-keeping for the Agricultural Extension Service. To obtain this sugar, the bee-keeper must write to the State Food Administrator, Mr. H. A. Page, at Raleigh, stating the exact number of colonies on his place, and giving a close estimate of the amount of sugar needed. It must be borne in mind, in this connection, that the sugar thus obtained may be used only as a winter ration for the bees, and on no account must it be taken for the personal uses of the farmer and his family.

The Light Bearers Society of the Methodist church will have a public meeting Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in the church. The program will consist of songs and recitations. Assistance will be given by some of the members of the Junior League and others. After the exercise Prof. Holton, Superintendent of the graded school, will address the congregation on the importance of the children's work in the church. Everybody invited to attend.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO

Nebo, Sept. 23.—On Thursday after school a Junior Red Cross Society was organized with 41 members. Miss Faye Padgett was chosen president.

Miss Brown's room furnished a splendid program on Friday afternoon for the War-Saving society. The secretary, Miss Camilla Dobson, reported 104 members with subscriptions for \$1,149.00 among the school children and teachers. The society decided to buy \$1500 worth by January 1.

Rev. Reese, the evangelist conducted opening exercises Tuesday morning. Supt. Stepe visited school last week and was the guest of the Boarding club for lunch.

Mary Sprouse, of Morganton, registered at the dormitory Monday.

Monthly school reports will be sent out next week. Parents are requested to sign and return them at once.

The school is under obligations to the Southern Power Co. for several cords of wood donated. Three of the school boys have taken the contract to cut it at \$1 per cord.

On the invitation of the Domestic Science class, the principal and wife had a very pleasant visit in the science room last Friday, sampling pies which the girls had made. We believe that no department of high school work is of more importance than the Domestic Science.

Miss Lona Goforth of Vein Mountain spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Mrs. M. V. Snipes was called to her home near Black Mountain on account of the illness of her father.

Misses Essie Hemphill and Lottie Wilson left Thursday for Caroleen, where they will teach.

Miss Mattie Hunter is at home for two weeks, having closed her school at Tom's creek for fodder.

Mrs. Wheeler of South Carolina spent a few days with her father, S. A. McCall, during the week.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Sept. 23.—T. B. Landis made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

The Community Fair will take place here October 22. We hope to make the occasion a great success. Everybody in the township is urged to bring some farm product and win a prize.

Katie Satterwhite and Tom Glass visited relatives at Bridgewater Sunday. Quarterly meeting will be held at Trinity church the first Saturday and Sunday in October.

A revival meeting will probably begin at the Baptist church on the second Sunday in October.

Most everybody have finished pulling fodder and are preparing land to sow wheat.

We had considerable frosts on the 20th and 21st but no serious damage.

Will Laughridge and Zeb Daves attended court as jurors in Marion last week.

SEVIER

Sevier, Sept. 23.—We have had heavy frosts here during the week and crops have been damaged considerably.

Fodder pulling is about over with. The corn crop is good.

Mrs. Annie Washburn and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Dessie Brown.

Francie McCormick and Ersie Huskins spent Sunday at Linville Falls.

Melton Green returned home Sunday from Black Mountain.

We are glad to report that M. L. Good continues to improve. Hope he may soon fully recover his health.

Sunday School at the Presbyterian church is progressing nicely.

Without the provision increasing the government guaranteed price of wheat from \$2.20 a bushel, which once caused its veto by President Wilson, the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying \$27,800,000, was passed by the House of Congress Saturday and has been signed by the President.

Liberty Loan Organization.

W. W. Guy, chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign in McDowell county, to be waged from September 28 to October 19, has appointed committees to assist in the campaign. The committees, with J. D. Blanton as vice chairman, are as follows:

City work: J. W. Winborne, chairman; Thos. Morris, P. A. Reid, J. W. Streetman, H. H. Tate, R. F. Burton, Geo. I. White, R. H. Bennett, J. Q. Gilkey and W. C. Smith.

Old Fort: J. L. Nichols, chairman; I. H. Greene, Wm. Treverton, F. M. Bradley, W. P. Artz.

Dysartsville: W. H. Taylor, chairman; Thos. Wilson, W. C. Morris, E. G. Goforth and J. G. Pyatt.

Nebo: J. F. Wilson, Samuel McCall, Vance Wilson, Geo. D. Taylor and F. A. Penland.

Broad River: T. B. Ledbetter and Johnson Ledbetter.

Crooked Creek: John Lavender, George Gibson, Lonnie Burgin.

North Cove: R. J. Lonon and R. H. Hennessee.

Turkey Cove: M. L. Good, G. W. Conley and J. B. Adams.

Cedar Cove: J. C. Connelly, J. B. Lonon and E. E. English.

Buck Creek: G. W. Chapman, J. E. Jimerson and Garrett Patton.

Higgins: D. C. Brown and W. F. Witherow.

Sugar Hill: W. M. Wilson, J. C. Crawford and R. P. Morris.

Manufacturing: Eugene Cross, E. J. House, C. F. James, J. A. Ruth, T. H. Henderson, A. F. Hunt, W. L. Morris, S. L. Cope land, J. M. Edwards, J. M. Ellis, Julius Parker and L. J. P. Cutlar.

County at large: J. L. Morgan, T. J. Gibbs, John Yancey, W. H. Hawkins, J. L. Padgett, N. F. Steppe, John Tyler, H. A. Tate and Hugh F. Little.

Speakers, in charge W. W. Guy and D. E. Hudgins: J. W. Pless, W. T. Morgan, C. C. Lisenbre, Rev. J. C. Story, Rev. G. A. Martin, Rev. W. R. Shelton, Rev. B. S. Lassiter, Rev. E. L. Kirk, Rev. Mr. Roache, J. L. C. Bird, Prof. T. A. Holton, and Prof. F. A. Penland.

Fraternal Orders: D. A. Kanipe, Thos. Morris, Wm. Sweeney, Oscar Adkins, B. P. Davis, Lawrence D. Greene.

Banks: R. F. Burton, Geo. I. White, J. E. Neal and O. H. Bumgarner.

Colored Men Called to Camp.

Twenty-three colored men have been ordered to report to the local exemption board in Marion on October 15th for entrainment to Camp Greene, Charlotte, on following day. Their names follow:

Willie Hamilton, Ed. Nighton, Jr., Walter Hayden, Willis Rogers, George Mitchell Hall, John William Corpening, James Mason, Walter Alexander, Lawrence Brown, Lonnie Lynch, Barnett Davidson, Charlie Jairs, Bob Rice, Will Greenlee, Ed. Anderson, Wilson Tate, Sol Hall, Vann Misher Basky, Curley Norman, Joseph Duran, Charlie Jordan, Addie Anderson and Dave Brown.

The provost marshal general has issued a call for 13,000 limited military service men, all white. Of this number North Carolina will furnish 430 for the limited service. Entrainment will be from September 30 to October 4, and the North Carolina men will be sent to Fort Thomas, Ky.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

A hail storm at the State prison farm in Halifax county, last Wednesday night, damaged crops to the amount of \$75,000, according to the estimate of State Prison Superintendent Collie.

Soon the "iron horse" will appear in Boone. The Democrat says the first car of freight for Boone was landed at Danner siding, four miles from Boone, to which point the Boone extension of the Linville river railroad is complete. Additional evidence that the railroad is about to connect with Boone is that lot sales have been put on.

Effective immediately, the maximum retail prices of bread have been fixed at 10 cents for one-pound loaves and 15 cents for one and one-half pound loaves; according to an announcement made today by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page. These maximum prices are fixed for either cash and carry or credit and delivery and will be enforced in each state in the Union.

North Carolina leads the states of the Union in having the largest War Savings Limit family. This is the \$15,000 limit family of Mr. J. A. Jones, Sr., of Charlotte, who has thirteen children, each of whom, with himself and his wife, owns \$1,000 of War Savings certificates. Mr. Jones himself is a contractor. He has one son in service, one daughter at college, and six children in the public schools of Charlotte.

North Carolina Sells \$6 Per Capita

North Carolina's sale of War-Savings Stamps for the month of August amounted to \$2,160,130, making a total sale of \$14,403,493 for the entire State, or a sale of about \$6 per individual. The number of Stamps sold by the Federal Reserve Bank for North Carolina in August amounted to \$250,250, while the postoffice records show that they sold \$2,160,130.

Colonel Fries is not particularly pleased with the State's sale of only \$6 per capita, for the reason that is so far from the goal of \$20. He says that there are a few backward counties that are holding the State back and giving it a poor showing with other states. On the other hand, he says that it is not impossible for every county to raise its full quota if it will make up its mind to do so. There must be a new hustle on the part of every county if the State makes a 100 per cent record by January 1, 1919.

Schenck Receives Major's Commission.

Michael Schenck of Hendersonville, solicitor of the Eighteenth judicial district and candidate for re-election on the democratic ticket, has received notice that he has been commissioned a major in the judge advocate general's department, United States army. It is probable that Major Schenck will leave at once for Washington. No announcement has been made as to his successor in the race for solicitor.