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GERMANY GETS A POSER

Germany Must Evacuate Occupied Territory Before America Can Discuss Armistice.

The complete withdrawal of the troops of the Teutonic allies from occupied territories is essential to the commencement of any peace discussions with Germany. This fact has been made known to Germany and Austria-Hungary by President Wilson in answer to the recent appeal of the German imperial chancellor for an armistice on land and sea and in the air and the discussion of possible means for ending the war.

In addition President Wilson is desirous of knowing, and has directly asked the question, for whom the imperial chancellor was speaking when he advanced his proposal—whether it was for the constituted authorities of the empire who have been conducting the war or for the whole German people. The president also desires to know if Germany in seeking peace accepts the terms already laid down by the president as a basis for the ending of hostilities.

Meanwhile the entente allied forces everywhere are defeating the armies of the Teutonic allies. In France they are fast carrying forward maneuvers which are resulting in the enemy's line giving way from the region of Cambrai and Verdun. Likewise in Macedonia and Turkish theatres the cleaning up process continues unabated.

Spread of Epidemic Has Not Been Checked As Yet.

Washington, Oct. 8.—While a continued decrease in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza at army camps was shown in reports today to the office of the surgeon-general of the army, the spread of the malady among the civilian population over the country apparently still is far from being checked.

Reports to the public health service showed that the disease was spreading rapidly in the south.

The total number of cases of influenza reported from all army camps since the disease became epidemic last month is placed at more than 182,000, while pneumonia cases total 19,283 and deaths, 5,671.

Mr. J. W. Pless Admitted to Supreme Court Practice.

Washington, Oct. 7.—On motion of Senator Overman two North Carolina attorneys, J. W. Pless, of Marion, and J. Snead Adams, of Asheville, were admitted to practice before the Supreme court of the United States today. Mr. Pless is here to argue a case as attorney for the Black Mountain railway.

Calhoun-Willis.

Mr. Glen Calhoun of Poplar, N. C., and Miss Pearl Willis, of Spruce Pine, were married near Garden City on Friday evening, Sept. 27, Rev. W. H. McMahan officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Reid McCurry, who accompanied the couple from Marion. Mr. Calhoun is foreman and shipping clerk at the Carolina Hosiery Mill.

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Board of Health Closes Schools and Stops Public Gatherings.

Upon the suggestion and recommendation of the State Board of Health, the Governor, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the County Board of Health of McDowell County, at a call meeting on last Monday, ordered all schools, churches and all public meetings discontinued until further notice. This action of the Board of Health was taken after due consideration of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, which is raging over the entire country.

It is said there is at present about ten thousand cases in the State, and that the disease continues to spread. A number of death have been reported.

There are a number of cases in different parts of McDowell county. The County Board of Health is doing everything possible to keep down an epidemic in McDowell, and to this end passed an order, as follows:

"Whereas, at the present time a highly contagious epidemic of Spanish influenza is raging all over the State and entire country, and

"Whereas said epidemic is a great menace and is dangerous to the public health of the country:

"The County Board of Health, at a call meeting on Monday, Oct. 7th, 1918, passed the following order:

"That all schools, churches, moving picture shows, and all public gatherings be ordered closed and remain closed until such period of time as the County Board of Health considers it safe for the public health that such public institutions and public gatherings be permitted to reopen.

"It is recommended that municipal officers prohibit public gatherings on the streets, around depots and in all public places. It is also recommended that the parents of children see that the children do not frequent public places and that the children remain at home until such time as may be safe for them to go in public.

This order is made upon recommendation of the State Board of Health, Governor of the State, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and goes into effect as of this October, 7th, 1918. It is also approved by the leading citizens and the medical profession of the State and County. The full co-operation of the public is requested in this matter. The teachers of the county are requested to give full publicity to this order and to instruct the school children and the public of the necessity of observing same."

The Crawley's Purchase Twin Oaks.

All who remember Miss Corrie Camp as a popular teacher of music at Greenlee Academy some years ago, will be interested in the following item from the Charlotte Observer of October 3rd:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crawley have purchased Twin Oaks, the beautiful country place of Ned McLean, the multi-millionaire owner of The Washington Post, at Leesburg. There are more than 400 acres in the tract and it is well equipped with buildings. Mr. McLean used it for a race-horse farm, but Mr. Crawley will grow corn, wheat and grasses, as well as cattle and horses."

Mrs. Crawley was Miss Corrie Camp, of Rutherford county. Mr. Crawley is a well-known engineer and contractor. He was born in South Carolina. The Crawley's have, also, an attractive home in Cleveland Park where they will spend the winter.

Put Your Dollars into Khaki Buy Liberty Bonds.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Oct. 7.—Miles P. Flack and family were visitors here Sunday. Misses Lillie Landis and Lucy Boper of Nebo spent the week-end with home-folks here.

Crawford Landis of Newport News, Va., is home for a month's furlow to help his father do up the fall work.

Several went to Marion last Monday to hear Gov. Bickett speak. His address was well worth the trip.

Mrs. Ed. Foster, an aged lady of this community, died last week.

T. B. Landis made a business trip to Nebo last week.

Presiding Elder Holmes, of the Marion district, preached three fine sermons here Saturday and Sunday.

W. H. Taylor attended the commissioners' meeting in Marion today.

The Baptist revival has been postponed from the second till the third Sunday in this month. Rev. Mr. Bennett is expected to be here for the services.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 8.—The revival services at the Baptist church closed Tuesday night. The meeting was a great success, being attended by large crowds. There were nineteen additions to the church. Rev. Reess won the hearts of the people by his strong messages of Divine truth.

Misses Estelle Wilson and Mamie Stacy of Rutherfordton and Elsie Stacy of Glenwood, spent the week-end with home-folks here.

Crawford Landis of Newport News, Va., spent last Thursday with his aunt, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Nebo High School Items.

Tuesday morning as the school was marching in for opening exercises a notice was received from Superintendent Steppe to close the school till after the epidemic of influenza abates.

After reading Josh Billings' definition of "A Hero", singing the Star Spangled Banner and giving the different class yells the school formed a circle around the auditorium, joined hands, sang Blest be the Tie That Binds and then all pledged themselves to return to school as soon as it opens again.

The principal then passed around blanks for taking subscriptions for Liberty Loan Bonds and five hundred dollars was taken.

The Boneria Literary Society of the High School bought a fifty dollar bond. We now have forty boarding pupils in the club.

We are arranging for four more girls and two more boys. If you want a room write the principal at once. One dollar will hold the room for you.

Key Landis joined the navy last week at Asheville. He will remain in school at Nebo till called.

Their new literature, "The Spirit of Democracy."

Notice will be given in the Marion Progress of the date of re-opening of school.

Oliver Arrested on Charge Fraud.

W. J. Oliver, millionaire manufacturer, and ten employes were arrested at Knoxville, Tenn., on a warrant sworn out by a military intelligence officer, charging conspiracy, fraud and sabotage in the manufacture of shells, which the warrant alleges did not fire true and were dangerous to United States soldiers. More than \$100,000 is alleged to have been obtained illegally. The government seized the plant of the W. J. Oliver Manufacturing Company, of which the individual defendants are officers and foremen.

The condition of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas' little child was reported yesterday to be improving.

Letter from Lieut. K. A. Kirby, "Somewhere in France."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirby have received an interesting letter from their son, Lieut. Kenneth A. Kirby, who is somewhere in France. The letter in part follows:

"My dear mama and papa:

"I hope you have received some of my letters by this time that were written on the boat and after I first landed. When we first landed we marched to a rest camp for a short stay, after which we entrained and moved again, this time to our training camps. So here I am quartered in a small French village. Our men are billeted in the different homes about the village. I have a room in a chateau owned by a very aristocratic old French lady. The house is of stone and is covered with slate. Around the house there is a high fence of stone and plaster with vines growing all over it. My room is a wonder. The bed is built real low and has two mattresses on it, the bottom one about two feet thick with springs in it, and the top one, which is just as thick, is made of feathers and the covering is of some kind of soft fleecy stuff. So you see I have a nice comfortable bed. The furniture is old mahogany. There is no such thing as water or light system, so we have a candle for light and a bowl and pitcher for washing purposes.

"Now as to the country. It is a wonderful place. The climate is very much like our good old North Carolina climate and the scenery is fine. On each side of the roads all over the country are long rows of tall Italian trees and they are kept trimmed up all the time. This little village in which we are stationed is a very old one. One of the churches, the largest building here, was built in the eleventh century. I went sight-seeing the other day and explored the ruins of an old castle which is said to have been occupied by King Louis XIV. It certainly was interesting. I also went inside the old church. The statues and paintings were grand. A man was buried in the floor of the church in the year 1500. So you see the building is an old one alright.

"The streets in the village are very narrow, and you should see the trams and street cars. They look like tovs. The passenger cars are funny looking things; they only have four wheels with spokes in them. The seats face each other like our summer street cars, two seats to a compartment and five compartments to a car. The doors open on each side of the compartment, making ten doors to a car. I wish you could see them.

"To see the shepherds with their sheep and dogs out on the hillside is a pretty sight. It reminds me of an old Bible picture. The dogs are trained to know just what to do and when to do it. The shepherd keeps sheep for all the village folks. In the evening when he comes in he blows an old horn and the people come out and open their gates for the sheep to go in. If one goes in to a place where it does not belong the dogs come run it out.

"When we were marching from

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STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Synod of the Appalachia meeting, which was scheduled to be held in Asheville October 15, has been postponed indefinitely.

Winnie Thomas, daughter of Jasper Thomas, of Mable, Watauga county, was found dead in the woods near her home. Death is reported to have been caused by a dynamite cap hung on her chest and fired by her own hands.

Registration at the University of North Carolina has passed the one thousand mark, 1,067 students having been enrolled up to date. Approximately 800 of this number have been inducted into the Students Army Training Corps. About 150 others, termed Non-S. A. T. C. men, whose physical condition or other requirements have prevented induction, are taking the regular military course.

The annual meeting of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, will be held the week of November 6, at Monroe. The conference includes about one-half the state, and all of western North Carolina. Bishop U. V. W. Garlington, of West Virginia, elected last May, has charge of this conference, and presides over the two North Carolina conferences and the two South Carolina conferences.

J. E. Shipman Appointed Solicitor.

J. E. Shipman of Hendersonville has been appointed by Gov. Bickett, solicitor for the Eighteenth district, to succeed Major Michael Schenck, who has entered the judge advocate general's department.

A number of applications had been filed with Gov. Bickett, and upon his return from the western section of North Carolina, he took up the matter of appointing a successor to Major Schenck.

Bulletin on Spanish Influenza.

The Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a special bulletin dealing with Spanish Influenza which contains all known available information regarding this disease. Simple methods relative to its prevention, manner of spread, and care of patients, are also given. Copies of this bulletin will be furnished free of charge upon request by writing to the State Board of Health, Raleigh, North Carolina.

War Notes.

According to a French official statement, from September 10 to September 30 the allied armies in France and Belgium captured 2,884 officers, 120,192 men; 1,600 cannon and more than 6,000 machine guns. From July 15 to September 30 the allies have captured 5,518 officers, 248,494 men; 3,669 cannon; more than 23,000 machine guns and hundreds of mine throwers.

Friday the Americans resumed the attack west of the Meuse and advanced their lines from two to five kilometers. They captured Hill 240, north of Exermont, and the villages of Gesnes, Floville, Chehery and LaForges.