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## PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS

### Allies Are Driving the Austro-Hungarians from Passes Towards Frontier.

In the Italian theater over a front of nearly 40 miles from the Brenta to the middle reaches of the Piave river, the British, French and Italian armies are developing with success, an offensive against the Austro-Hungarians, and are swiftly driving them from the mountain passes toward the Austrian frontier and across the plains east of the Piave in northern Italy. American reserves are behind the lines prepared to aid the allies when the opportune moment arrives.

On all of the other battle fronts the allied arms continue to be served. In Belgium there has been little fighting, except by the artillery wings of the opposing armies, while in the region around Valenciennes the engagements between the British and the Germans have savored more of outpost encounters than pitched battles. In whatever fighting there has been, however, Field Marshal Haig's men have retained the upper hand and taken more prisoners and additional guns and war stores.

### 15,000 AUSTRIANS CAPTURED.

Italian Headquarters on the Piave, Monday, Oct. 28.—Fifteen thousand prisoners had been taken by the British, Italians and French up to late today in the advance across the Piave which for the third time in one year is the scene of a desperate battle. This time, however, the tables are turned against the Austrians who are steadily being pressed back from the eastern bank of the river.

### Ship Goes Down—343 Lives Lost.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 26.—The 268 passengers and crew of 75 men were lost when the steamship Princess Sophie foundered last night, the Canadian Pacific railway announced today. Not a soul survived, according to a Juneau wireless message which said the ship apparently was picked up by the gale, hurled across Vanderbilt reef and sent to the bottom of the deep waters on the other side.

### Heavy Rains Swelled Catawba.

A dispatch from Hickory, 26th, says that serious freshets in the Catawba, South Fork and other rivers and streams, caused thousands of dollars' damage to corn, it was estimated, but all streams were receding rapidly and the loss may not be as great as expected. Damage was particularly great in the South Fork bottoms, where the river overflowed and covered completely. It was said not more than half the crop would be saved.

Reports from Lenoir state that 8.5 inches of rain fell there in the 36 hours ending at 8 p. m. Saturday, with the result that several buildings were damaged by cave-ins. Above Lenoir three small railroad bridges were washed out, but Superintendent Nichols said repairs could be made in a few hours.

The Catawba was 18 feet above low level at Rhodhiss, about 10 feet above near Hickory and 35 feet high at Terrell, where the banks are unusually high and the stream narrow.

## Committees for United War Work Campaign in McDowell.

The great United War Work campaign of the seven military relief organizations will occur as planned the week of November 11 to 18, it is officially announced. There was some thought of postponement on account of influenza but this has been dismissed.

North Carolina's quota is \$1,085,617 of the \$170,000,000 to be raised in America for the seven national relief organizations, the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Council, War Camp Community Service, American Library association, Jewish Welfare board, and Salvation Army, this sum to be apportioned among them in amounts to which they have already agreed.

Mr. Clayton C. Codrington, director for this district, was here last Thursday and at a meeting at the court house he outlined the plan of the campaign, after which the organization for McDowell was completed. The campaign body is composed of John M. Tate, county chairman; J. E. Neal, treasurer; S. E. Whitten, publicity; W. T. Morgan, speakers' bureau; J. W. Winborne, boys work; Mrs. Eugene Cross, woman's work; D. E. Hudgins, colored work bureau, assisted by S. R. Greenlee, colored, as leader.

Chairmen of working teams for the various precincts in the county, with allotment for each precinct, are as follows:

Marion, \$25,000; D. E. Hudgins, chairman.

Nebo, \$300; Supt. F. A. Penland, chairman; Miss Mary Greenlee, assistant.

Dysartsville, \$160; W. H. Taylor, chairman, J. N. Yelton and R. E. Roper, assistants.

Higgins, \$50; Frank Witherow, Glenwood, \$300; E. G. Goforth, chairman; J. M. Haney and T. W. Wilson, assistants.

Montfords Cove, \$100; J. C. Crawford, Chr., W. M. Wilson.

Broad River, \$50; Johnson Ledbetter.

Crookee Creek, \$200; James M. Gibson, chairman, Julius Bird.

Old Fort, \$1,250; W. P. Artz, chairman; J. S. Bradley.

Buck Creek, \$300; J. E. Jimeron, chairman, G. B. Woody.

Cedar Cove, \$200; M. C. Caldwell.

Turkey Cove, \$200; M. L. Good, chairman, R. C. Haywood and G. W. Conley.

North Cove, \$100; Robert Hennessee.

Bracketts, \$50; M. P. Flack.

## 20,000 Huns Have Been Taken by Americans.

Washington, Oct. 28.—In his communique for Saturday, delayed in transmission, General Pershing notes that the battle being fought by the first American army north of Verdun entered that day upon its second month, and reports that in the first month besides inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy in killed and wounded, the Americans there captured 20,000 prisoners, over 150 guns, nearly 1,000 trench mortars and several thousand machine guns.

British casualties reported for the week ending Monday numbered 32,249, compared to 37,150 for the previous week.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Oct. 28.—Crawford Landis will return to Newport News, Va., tomorrow, after a month's stay at home.

The County Demonstrator, J. L. Thurman, spent a few days here last week.

The Spanish influenza epidemic has not struck this community very bad, only a few cases so far.

There was a continuous downfall of rain last Friday and all streams were extremely high. Much damage was done to corn and wheat.

Elijah Fortune is reported very sick with pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, at Camp Hancock, Ga.

T. E. Satterwhite is still in feeble health. We hope when cooler weather comes he will grow stronger.

#### An Explanation.

In the last issue of The Progress there was a criticism made by "Citizen" of the poster hung in front of the Red Cross room during the drive for clothing for the Belgians. It was read with regret. The poster was made by a young man of the town who is intelligent and altogether worthy, and who, in his zeal for the cause, gave up very pressing work and gave his time to make the poster. He also mounted it, and when the mistake was noticed, it was too late to correct it. It was hoped that those noticing it would not "view it with a critic's eye. But pass the imperfection by," and would not be deterred from contributing a good bundle of clothing to the Belgians.

Did the critic really think that the women of the Red Cross did not know the difference between Belgium and Belgium? It seemed a pity to wound a warm American heart by calling special attention to the mistake through the columns of the town paper; and we could but wish that in the effort to "make wise" a "preventive" could have been found before it was done.

#### SUBSCRIBER.

## F. L. Seely Will Support Weaver.

In a letter to Congressman Zebulon Weaver, F. L. Seely, of Asheville, expresses his determination to vote for the present congressman in the coming election, and incidentally commends the record of Mr. Weaver in the present congress, stating that there is little or no room for criticism of the record made by Mr. Weaver.

It will be recalled that in the last election Mr. Seely made no secret of the fact that he supported Mr. Britt in preference to the present congressman, and the fact that he will transfer his support in the coming election will be a source of gratification to Mr. Weaver and his friends.

In his letter to Congressman Weaver, Mr. Seely says: "I have debated whether the issues of the hour might not outweigh every other, and have come to the conclusion that the support of the president and congress is the overshadowing issue to be decided. Because it has become so clear to me that every thought must be swept aside in order that the present administration be as unhampered as Americans can make it, I want to assure you of my support for your seat in the sixty-sixth congress."

It is announced that the war revenue bill will not be reported to the Senate until after the November elections. By the time Congress reassembles, Senator Simmons said, it is believed the bill will be ready for submission to the senate.

## President Graham of the State University Dies from Pneumonia.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 26.—Edward Kidder Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, prominent leader in state, southern and national educational affairs, died at his home here tonight at 8:15 with pneumonia following influenza. His death, although not unexpected by those who were acquainted with the nature of his illness, overwhelms the university community with grief and will bring sadness to thousands of former students and friends throughout the state and nation.

President Graham was a native of Charlotte and was 42 years old. He is survived by his father, one brother and one sister, and his only son, Edward K. Graham, Jr., aged 7. His wife died in December, 1916.

## Registrants Who Have Failed to Return Questionnaires.

The following men registered in McDowell county and have failed to return Questionnaires to the Local Board:

White—William Shafter Ledbetter, Dome; James Lincoln Brackett, Bridgewater; Robert Lentz, Nebo; Richard Jackson, Old Fort; Frederick Houck, Marion; Elbert Franklin Nanney, Black Mountain; James Garfield Mace, Mt. Mitchell or Woodlawn; Herman Luther Austin, Nebo; Brookshire Spurgeon Ledbetter, Dome; Ed Ferguson, Camp No. 2, Bridgewater.

Colored—Willie James Logan, Marion; Geo. William Morgan, Old Fort; Geo. Lewis Greenlee, Marion, R. F. D.; Tench Alexander Carson, Marion; Malachia Grant Kincaid, Rt 1, Marion; Lee Roy Johnson, Marion; LeRoy Lang, Camp No. 2, Bridgewater.

#### LOCAL BOARD FOR McDOWELL COUNTY.

## Winter is Coming! What About the Boys in the Trenches?

Winter is coming and the boys are still in the trenches. Our duty is to see that they have sufficient warm clothing, proper food and whatever else is necessary to make them efficient fighters.

Last winter was the coldest that France has known in years. Many of our boys suffered. While they did not complain, they felt that the people at home were not doing all that they could for them, that they were not backing them up as they should.

Shall this happen again this year? Shall those boys who are fighting so bravely, who are driving the Germans back in defeat, and who are rapidly bringing peace to America and the world—shall they suffer because we hold on to our paltry dollars, and prefer to spend them for our own comforts?

We do not believe that the American people, particularly North Carolinians, will allow the boys who are representing them at the front, to suffer unusual hardships for lack of the things they need. We believe they will give their bottom dollars to make the boys comfortable this winter. War-Savings Stamps will stand between the rigors of winter and the boys in the trenches. If everybody would buy them, all that they are able to buy, the boys will not suffer.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The Transylvania division of the Southern is out of business between Hendersonville and Toxaway owing to the heavy rains of the past week.

The work of 2,000 negro soldiers engaged in cutting and shipping wood in the Pisgah timber boundary has been stopped by flood conditions.

Reports from all sections of the state show a diminishing number of new cases of influenza and continued improvement generally. Conditions remain critical, however, in many sections, especially in rural districts.

## President Asks Voters to Stand by Administration.

President Wilson in a statement Friday addressed to his fellow-countrymen, asked them to return a Democratic congress in the November elections if they have approved his leadership in this critical time.

Failure to return a Democratic majority to both the senate and house of representatives, the president says, not only would seriously impair his power to administer "the great trust assigned me by the constitution," but would be interpreted abroad as repudiation of his leadership.

## Col. Daniel Adams Promoted.

Mr. D. E. Hudgins is in receipt of a letter from Col. D. W. Adams stating that his battalion on October 9th gave the Boches an awful licking and that he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and had been ordered to the States to train a new regiment. We congratulate Colonel Adams.

## Furniture Restricted.

Restrictions on the manufacture of furniture, eliminating all new patterns for the duration of the war, and curtailing active patterns 50 per cent., are announced by the War Industries Board. The new schedule applies to bedroom, dining room and upholstered furniture, chair, certain tables and mirrors. Beveled mirrors are eliminated, bedroom mirror plate curtailed 25 per cent. and the manufacture of diningroom chairs and toilet table chairs discontinued.

## A Vote for Schenck Means a Vote for Shipman.

Mr. E. W. Ewbank, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, Hendersonville, has received the following letter from Governor Bickett:

"My dear Sir:—Please let it be known that a vote for Mr. Schenck is a vote for Mr. J. E. Shipman for Solicitor. Mr. Schenck is still the Democratic nominee, but on his failure to qualify after election or upon his qualification and resignation I shall at once re-appoint Mr. Shipman.

"This course is absolutely just and fair in order to save the votes of soldiers who have already voted for Mr. Schenck.

"Very truly yours,  
T. W. Bickett, Governor."