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CATTERO BOMBED BY ITALIAN PLANES

SPLendid MARKSMANSHIP SHOWED IN DAMAGE DONE TO ENEMY DESTROYERS, SUBMARINES AND THE HARBOR.

RIDDLED PLANES RETURNED TO BASE

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, via Rome, Oct. 9.—Two early today and inflicted severe damage upon Austrian destroyers, submarines and harbor, according to cables received by the Italian embassy.
The observers noted that a number of fires were started in the military storehouses from the effects of bombing.
Although several big Caproni planes of the Italian air force were riddled with Austrian batteries all returned safely across the Adriatic to their base.

SAD ENDING OF A VETERAN

The finding of the body of Mr. J. D. Lewis, near to the main road about three miles from Rocky Mount, will be felt by many old residents of Scotland Neck as somewhat a slur upon the southern charity that is so proverbial, since it is that Mr. Lewis was not only born in Scotland Neck, but was also a Confederate veteran.
What makes the case so sad is the fact that this old man, and also his wife, felt they were in the way, and they often expressed the wish that God would take them, as they were too poor to live, and their children too poor to keep them.
So it was with this expressed wish uttered to Mr. T. L. Worsley, of Rocky Mount, brother in law of Mr. R. J. Madry, that the old man drifted out of Mr. Worsley's store that night in July, and feeling himself in the way, and a burden to others, lay himself down alongside the road where luxury and extravagance drives daily and starved himself to death, rather than be a load upon his children who had so little themselves.
Here lay the body for months until it was found a few days ago the flesh having gone to the vultures of the air, and only the bones and rags of clothing remained to tell of a human being who once had been an honored soldier fighting for the principles of the South.

COAL SITUATION IS ALARMING

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Oct. 9.—A coal crisis, apparently nation wide, is receiving President Wilson's attention today.
Drastic action is expected unless the situation is relieved immediately.
Reports pouring in state that consumers are unable to buy coal, and all efforts of apartment buildings, houses and homes appear unavailing.
The shutting down of public

WORLD SERIES IN NEW YORK

(By H. C. Hamilton.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
New York, Oct. 9.—The third world series game between the Giants and White Sox was postponed on account of rain.
The announcement of the postponement of the game was made officially by the national commission after the rain had continued most all morning.
Thousands had already packed the bleachers and were shivering in the rain when word came the contest was off.
The third game will be played here tomorrow, weather permitting and the fourth game on Thursday.

New York, Oct. 9.—With two games in the hole, facing miserable weather, and staring defeat for the world series champions in the face, New York fans rallied to the support of the giants.

Dawn saw two long lines of "Bugs" standing at the Polo grounds awaiting the opening of the gates.

New York, Oct. 9.—The weather for the third game of the world series opened cold and rainy.

RETAIL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

Last night in the mayor's office the retail clerks of Scotland Neck organized themselves into a body known as the Retail Clerks Association, which is purely local and has no affiliation with any national association or any labor organization, the purpose of such local organization being to work in conjunction with the Merchants Association for the betterment of the retail business of Scotland Neck and the employees.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and comprised the following:

J. A. Weathersbee, president; David Bryan, vice-president; S. C. Pegram, secretary and treasurer.

The committee on by-laws were: Messrs. B. F. Bracey, C. E. Tadlock, S. C. Pegram and J. A. Weathersbee.

The new association expects to have regular meetings, and it is the purpose of those who have been active in its organization to work to the general betterment and progress of the town.

Utilities, plants and industries are imminent. Railroads are confiscating coal for their pressing needs.

Similar steps are threatened by cities in Ohio and elsewhere.

FURTHER LOANS TO ALLIES

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Oct. 9.—The treasury department has announced further loans to her allies. To Great Britain and France each \$40,000,000, which makes the total loans to Great Britain \$1,280,000,000, and to France \$730,000,000, and a grand total to all the allies of \$2,598,400,000.

HAIG STRUCK THIS MORNING

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Oct. 9.—Haig struck again in the Ypres sector at 5:20 this morning, according to the dispatch just received.

"We again attacked on a front north east of Ypres in conjunction with our allies on the left, and have made satisfactory progress, though the weather is stormy, Haig."

A vast morass of mud over Flanders caused by the last two days of drenching rain did not stop the British commanders plans for a continuation of his drive.

Today's blow comes quicker after the great offensive than any other similar British drive in more than a year.

CONSCRIPTS ENGLISH WEALTH

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Oct. 9.—England has another shock in store for that section of America which hates to see wealth do its bit.

She is preparing with direct aim, and definite purpose, to conscript capital-literally.

GERMANY'S TURMOIL OF INTERNAL DISSENTION

REICHSTAG MAJORITY DETERMINED TO NAIL THE CHANCELLOR TO DEFINATE STATEMENT OF WAR AIMS AND PURPOSES.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER PEACE PROPOSAL

(By UNITED PRESS)
Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—Germany and Austria have agreed to make another peace offer on the basis of "no territory aggrandizement and the surrender of Belgium, as well as the giving up of France's territories, with no indemnity demanded on either," according to the Berlin Tages Zeitung published today.

The newspaper asserted that made the announcement on "good authority" though no details were given how the rumored peace offers would be advanced.

Speculation is rife here that Chancellor Michaelis might make some sort of peace announcement today. His postponed speech is advertised as likely to outline Germany's war aims.

A sensational session of the Reichstag is expected, according to Berne reports.
Dispatches said that Michaelis was not at Berlin, but another contradicted this report and stated that he was ready to speak.
The German press is filled with comments on the crisis that Michaelis now faces in the German parliament, and the resignation of vice-chancellor Jellferrich is freely predicted.
The socialist organ Vorwärts boldly asserts that not only Helfferich but Michaelis also and the bureaucracy system they represent has proved a failure.
Washington, Oct. 9.—Berlin's reported new peace maneuver is regarded by official here, just as all her previous feelers, as designed to save her present holdings before the crash comes, and to discourage America's war preparations.

DYNAMITE IN CITY HALL

(By United Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9.—Three pounds of dynamite was found in the areaway of the city hall by the foreman of the street cleaning force. An investigation has already been started.

CONTRACTS FOR DESTROYERS

(By United Press)
Washington, Oct. 9.—Secretary Daniels has announced the following companies will build the new destroyers under the quarter of a billion dollar program.

Fore River Shipbuilding Company, New York Shipbuilding Company, Union Iron Works, Bath Iron Works, Cramp's of Philadelphia and Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

SWEDES OPPOSE 'SWEDISH KAISER'

(By United Press.)
Casper, Mo., Oct. 9.—"Resolved, that we, descendants of Swedish parentage, petition to our friends and relatives in the home country to not be fooled by the Swedish Kaiser, but to ask that he, like the Russian Czar, step down and out as they, like other dogs have all had their day."

This was the answer of the large Swedish-American population of this city to Secretary Lansing's recent revelation of Swedish intrigue.

The petition, bearing several hundred names, has been duly forwarded to the "fatherland."

PREPARATIONS FOR MASS MEETING THURS.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED LAST WEEK WILL BE READY TO MAKE FULL REPORT WHEN THE FARMERS GATHER.

IT IS EXPECTED THE PLAN IS FEASIBLE

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)
Raleigh, Oct. 9.—The State Capital is "all dressed up" in the colors of the rainbow in promise of the greatest State Fair yet, next week—Oct. 15-20.

Wednesday will compete with the usual "big day" Thursday, this year, and probably excel it both in attendance and attractions. For this is the day the women of North Carolina will play the leading part—including the parade of marshals (women marshals this year for the first time) and floats, the dedication of the new women's building, with an address by the first and only woman Congressman, Miss Jeanette Rankin; the Better Babies Contest and other features in which women will predominate.

With no credit to the Raleigh police department, there has not been a new assault on women by gorilla negroes in this community for two whole weeks! Although several guilty negroes escaped detection, arrest or punishment because of the inability of the police to handle the situation, there has been a more convincing deterrent brought to the attention of that class of negro brutes.

The experiences of Earl Neville the Raleigh negro hack driver, tried here this week (after two lynching parties failed to get him) and of the negro at Wendell, in Wake county, who was shot dead while attempting to enter a window of a home there, appears to have caused a temporary let-up in the crime, at least.

REMOVING DEAD BY TRAINLYADS

(By United Press.)
London, Oct. 9.—The Germans are removing their dead from the field by the truckload stacked up like grain stacks. A photograph taken from a prisoner showed bodies lashed together in bundles of fours and thrown upon the cars.

WEATHER.
(By J. Y. Savage.)
The following is the weather report for the week ending Oct. 7:
Temperature, highest 81 on Oct. 5. Lowest, 40 on Oct. 7.
Rainfall, 35-100 in. on night Oct. 5.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	26.90	26.90	26.65	26.68
Jan.	26.78	26.78	26.48	26.48
Mar.	26.90	26.90	26.46	26.46
May	27.07	27.07	26.53	26.53
July	27.14	27.14	26.58	26.58
Local Market 26 cents.				

Tobacco Market at Scotland Neck, is an attractive heading, and furthermore it seems a very possible accomplishment if all will work together to a common end.

At the meeting held last week to consider the proposition a committee was appointed to obtain facts and figures in order to present them at a meeting—mass meeting—of citizens of the town and also all the farmers of the community, and it has been learned that this committee headed by Mr. Sam A. Dunn, is now ready to report.

From information gained from an outside source it was stated that in order to make a tobacco market the success it should, and could be, every man, whether he be financier, merchant, or clerk, as well as every farmer in the area that the tobacco market would serve, must work together as one man in promoting the plan.

There is nothing that will do more to make this section than for the farmers to turn their attention to a large growth of tobacco during the next few years, and there is nothing that will make Scotland Neck boom more than having a live, progressive, tobacco market, and it is because of this present opportunity to develop all around that this is now being proposed—but, and here lies the rub, it must be with the full determination of all to take a part and work to a successful issue.

Mayor's Wedding Confuses Citizens

Moorhaven, Fla., Oct. 9.—Since the mayor of this peaceful little community married, the faithful constituents are terribly confused. The matrimonial ventures of a mayor do not, as a rule, create much disturbance in municipal affairs. But in the case of Moorhaven it's different.

Moorhaven's mayor was different from all other mayors. She—that's what caused all the trouble—being a woman changed her name when she married. She was elected mayor while Mrs. George Horwitz. Then, her honor the mayor, married Capt. J. J. O'Brien, U. S. A., a former newspaper man and ex-secretary to the mayor of Moorhaven.

The mayor's husband is now on his way to France. But by marrying the mayor of Moorhaven, O'Brien set the population to thinking. Here is the question that is worrying the residents of Moorhaven. Mrs. O'Brien was elected mayor of Moorhaven as Mrs. Marion D. Horwitz the name that appears on her election certificate and the one she has signed to all official documents since becoming mayor. Now—must she sign Mrs. J. J. O'Brien to these documents, or the name that appears on her election certificate?