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## THE COASTAL PLAIN FAIR OPENS TODAY

EXHIBITS ARE LARGER AND BETTER THAN EVER, THE CROWDS APPEAR MORE APPRECIATIVE AND HORSES IN GREATER NUMBER.

### FOUR DAYS OF ENJOYMENT PROMISED

Tarboro, N. C., Oct. 30.—The Coastal Plain Fair, previously known as the Tarboro Fair, but changed so as to include all the counties surrounding Edgecombe county, opened today with a flourish of trumpets, and a promise of bigger exhibits, larger crowds and much more prize money than ever before. In fact it is stated that there are more trotting and pacing horses on the Tarboro grounds than there is stable room for them.

Garden produce, the women's end, of the food question has received special attention in view of the general favor which this department is receiving throughout the country, and the counties included in the Coastal Plain have not let the opportunity slip by without testifying to its determination to do their "bit."

Mr. C. A. Johnson, the indefatigable secretary, was too busy to give newspaper correspondents much attention this morning, and merely waved the Commonwealth man to the vast exhibit as evidence that his efforts to make this the biggest and best had not gone unrewarded.

What is it you will want to see? Cotton, tobacco, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, bean, cabbages, pumpkin, gourds, lettuce, celery, artichokes, radishes, or the hundred and one of the garden products that our people know so well how to grow prolifically. You will find them here, and this is not to ignore the various fruits, both fresh and canned. If you are specially interested in these attend the fair. Also you should go if you want to know what your neighbor, or fellow man in another county, has done in raising crops, that has made this section the envy of more than half the other counties of the state this year. Its not possible to itemize them, but they are all here and you will spend a very profitable day in looking over what this part of North Carolina has done.

Then the departments that show that our people are not devoid of arts and sciences, and, with such exhibits as are here, poultry and dairy supplies should justly be included, for the women have shown a fine art in their display, but, if you bar these, you will have plenty to admire in the painting and crayon work, the fine needlework and fancy work, which includes the new fashion, crocheting.

Children have not been neglected, in fact they have taken a very prominent part this year in the exhibits that show considerable care and no inconsiderable skill, including, as it does, domestic science, basket weaving, carpentry, drawing, and sewing, all of which is not only pleasing to the eye but satisfying to the mind that our young ones show such industry.

You will want to go to Tarboro this year, and if you didn't you would have to do so for after to-

## LOCAL DELEGATES GO TO RALEIGH

Commencing Thursday morning and continuing through Friday a convention of the Red Cross chapters, auxiliaries and branches in North Carolina will be held in Raleigh, to which the following local delegates have been appointed and will be present: Messdames C. W. Albertson, Reba Shields and G. W. Bryan.

The object of the convention is two-fold.

First, to prepare the way for setting up 2,000 Red Cross organizations in North Carolina.

Second, to encourage and instruct organizations already formed in the great tasks now at hand.

There will be practical demonstrations and displays and technical instruction, as well as addresses by Red Cross specialists of national reputation.

In view of the very valuable work that has been going on in Scotland Neck by the ladies it would seem to be invaluable for this local committee to be present at this convention and bring back ideas, gathered first hand, that will aid the local chapter in its work, and thus help to gather impetus for the even more strenuous work that will be required of it during the winter months.

## CONGRESS SHY ON TALKING

(By United Press.) Washington, Oct. 30.—Most Congressmen thought when the last session adjourned, it had been the most talkative in history, what with the war, taxes, the draft, and the boys in the trenches to make speeches about. With the last postponed number of the Congressional Record containing canned "extension of remarks" speeches, it has been found that the volume is 300 pages shy of the previous high mark.

Representative Joseph Walsh, Mass., is largely responsible. Early in the session he began objecting to what he termed "abuses of the extension system." Amateur poems, essays on the war by precocious Johnny, just twelve years old, and the son of an important constituent, obituaries in verse and other taboo.

One question will kill any proposal to "extend." Walsh says a lot of the boys got pretty "sore" at him.

Miss Bessie Cherry went to Halifax this morning to attend a teachers meeting.

day the news will trickle through and all will be anxious to see what has been provided for the counties outside of Edgecombe.

## RUSS RETIRE FROM ASSAULT

(By UNITED PRESS) Petrograd, Oct. 30.—Teutonic troops in the Jeunvern sector of the Russian front started a sudden attack yesterday and forced the retirement of Russian forces, according to official statements received here.

## ELIMINATE DEVIL FROM CAMPS

(By United Press) Washington, Oct. 30.—Four million is needed to drive the devil from the American soldiers in training camps, and a plan is on foot that will govern this question and be unfolded to the American people for their aid and moral support as soon as it has been fully worked out.

## ENEMY U-BOATS REPULSED

London, Oct. 30.—Field Marshal Lord French, commander in chief of the home forces, reports an anticipated hostile attack by enemy aeroplanes with intent to make a night raid on the eastern counties of England, but none of them were able to pass the outer defences.

## DICKENS ELECTED WILSON'S CHIEF

Wilson, N. C., Oct. 30.—Mr. A. L. Dickens, son of Mr. J. B. Dickens, of this county, has been elected by the board of aldermen as head of the Wilson police force to succeed John A. Wiggs, resigned.

The new chief is a Halifax county man and first did duty under his father, J. B. Dickens, who was supervisor of Halifax county, guarding the convicts. He then accepted a position as a roundsman on the Rocky Mount force where he served for nearly five years. From there he went to Spring Hope as chief, and in September last year joining the Wilson police force as roundsman, where he made such an excellent record that he was selected over nine other officers for the post he is now to fill.

## U. S. SENATORS IN WAR ZONE

(By United Press.) London, Oct. 30.—United States senators John D. Kendrick, of Wyoming and William S. Kenyon, of Iowa, with Representatives John J. Rogers, of Massachusetts and James S. Parker, of New York, narrowly escaped the submarine menace on Saturday last, off the coast of Wales.

The setamer carrying these statesmen was approaching the British Isles when the topsman observed the periscope of an enemy submarine getting ready to fire a torpedo at the vessel. The gunners aboard manned the guns and opened fire immediately on the U-boat, which submerged without waiting to discharge the torpedo.

## HERTLING TAKES MICHAELIS' PLACE

(By UNITED PRESS) London, via France, Oct. 30.—Von Hertling, the Bravarian prime minister has been made Chancellor of the German empire while former chancellor, George Michaelis, has been made premier of Prussia.

## 'CHANGE CLOSED FEARS PANIC

(By United Press.) Montreal, Canada, Oct. 30.—The Montreal stock exchange has closed its doors in fear of a panic, due to the rapid decline of stocks and shares on the exchange.

## DARKEN CITIES WHITE WAY

Washington, Oct. 30.—The great white way of American cities will soon be darkened according to the order that is to be issued soon by the fuel administration.

All necessary outdoor lighting will be discontinued, and an appeal will be made upon the citizens to limit all kinds of fuel waste. It is said that fully 100,000 tons of coal has annually been wasted for electric signs, and other advertising displays alone, and this as well as the great glowing lights of the big cities will be darkened in the next few days.

## SAMMIES SHELL GERMAN LINES

(By UNITED PRESS) With the American Armies in France, Oct. 30.—The men of the United States army, who were put into the front trenches last week for experience in trench warfare, are still there, and seem to have been primed for the supreme work that they will, in large part, have to carry on in front of the enemy's lines in Flanders.

All day yesterday these American troops continued to shell the German lines, at intervals, the enemy following similar tactics, though there was no special activity on this front.

The first snow of the winter fell on this sector last night and interfered with all operations.

## PRESS GALLERY SUPREME COURT

Washington, Oct. 30.—"Raising money." That is Speaker Clark's terse answer to the question: "What will be the chief work at the next session of Congress?" "However," he said, "I think we will not raise as much as we did last session \$21,000,000,000. The ships we paid for, the aircraft we authorized, and a lot of the guns and military material we bought, won't have to be duplicated. But there'll be enough to raise to keep us busy. I think we'll have about a fifty-fifty split on taxes and bonds. This will necessitate greater profit-taxes. The present ratio is about sixty, five-thirty five, with bonds on the long end."

## TEUTONIC SUCCESSES IN ITALY DELAYS PEACE

ALL EUROPE FEAR THAT THE MOMENTARY ADVANTAGE GAINED ON THE PLAINS OF NORTHERN ITALY WILL SPUR THE GERMANS ON.

### PAPERS ASK IMMEDIATE OFFENSIVE

## SAMMIES FIGHT IN ICY WATER

(By UNITED PRESS) With the American Armies in France, Oct. 30.—Under terrible weather conditions the American army in France is exchanging blow for blow, a running warfare in contact with the Germans.

France today is a vast stretch of ice and mud barrage, with rain and snow pelting down upon the men who are standing to their guns like veterans. The American gunners are shelling the enemy, amid the dreariness of the snow and ice bound country, while the infantrymen, in some places, stand knee deep in almost freezing water.

The American infantry is standing its watches on the front line taking its regular time at patrol duty in the bleak and deadly waste of dead mans land.

## PREDICTS GREAT PROFITS-TAXES

Raleigh, Oct. 30.—The report of the condition of state banks, showing \$5,000,000 more in savings deposits than a year ago, and over \$20,000,000 of other deposits that in 1916, is attributed to the high prices of cotton and tobacco. North Carolina has never known such high prices as now prevail for tobacco and cotton, and these have in consequence brought good times to the farmer outfit in all parts of the state.

Most of the farmers have put their prosperity back into their for better and bigger crops next year, also into herds and flocks, which promise well in this section of the state.

Apparently the ubiquitous lightning-rod man, and the starry individual with sparkling investment schemes and stick-pins, and high promises and low morals are having a hard winter of it in this part of the country.

## AVIATORS' MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

(By UNITED PRESS) London, Oct. 30.—After one of the most miraculous escapes of the war, Major Bonnatyne, D. S. O., is today recovering from his injuries in the Cirencester Hospital.

While flying alone at a height of more than 1000 feet his engine caught fire. He headed the machine towards the ground. Within a few minutes the flames reached his feet. He climbed out of the seat and crawled along the tail of the plane toward the tail while the blazing plane plunged

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(By United Press.) Berlin, Oct. 30.—The capture of Udine, the principal city of the northern Italian plains, by the advanced Austrian-German armies, has been officially announced.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—"Our whole front is pressing against the upper source of the Tagnamento river" it is officially announced and further states, "we have advanced from the Carnae alps reaching out on to Viennese soil"

Rome, Oct. 30.—All here are confident that the military situation will clear in a few days, and the military heads of Italy have complete confidence in General Cadorna's plan for the stand that will halt the dramatic invasion.

London, Oct. 30.—The war office expects nothing but news of German successes for a few days to come.

The press is unanimously urging the government to meet the situation, which they view with the utmost gravity, without fear or reservation.

London, Oct. 30.—Italy's invasion may change the whole of the war plans of the allies.

The tremendous successes of Makensen's war machine is spurring the allies to the greatest efforts to help their ally, two or more of whose armies appear to have been broken by the force of the Teutonic stroke.

All newspapers agree that the success of the German arms will have the effect of continuing the war for several months longer than was expected a few days ago.

The estimated number in Makensen's army is in the neighborhood of 500,000 men.

## LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES

During this month of October there has been allowed a discount of 3 per cent to all those who pay their town taxes during the month, and in view of the fact that this will save the people an inconsiderable sum we draw attention of our readers to the fact that tomorrow, Wednesday, is October 31, and, that being the last day of the month, is the last day when the discount of three per cent will be allowed. Act now if you wish to save money.

## COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
Dec.	26.92	27.55
Jan.	26.17	26.88
Mar.	25.89	26.60
May	25.59	26.41
July	25.66	26.25
Local Market 27½ cents.		