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ALLIES MAKING FINE HEADWAY

DISASTER FOLLOWS FAST AFTER GERMAN ALLIES IN PALESTINE.

In Macedonia Similar Disasters Are Threatening the Enemy; Allies in All Theatres of War Hold the Whip While the Enemy is Able Only to Stand on the Defensive; On a Front of 80 Miles Entente Troops Are Assailing Bulgarians and Germans in Southern Serbia.

Associated Press Summary of the day's war news in today's News and Observer.

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 harassing 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 from the Russians.

In all theatres of the war the entente allies have the initiative in their hands and are pressing their advantage rigorously. The Germans and their allies are able to do no more than stand on the defensive. And in Palestine and Macedonia, their efforts in this respect have proved sorry ones.

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 have been made prisoners, 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, allied aviators are carrying out successful bombing raids against Constantinople.

Over a front of eighty miles in southern Serbia, from Monastir to Lake Doiran, the entente troops are vigorously assailing the Bulgarians and Germans. Already in the swift drive in the center, a great spearhead has been pushed by the Serbians across the Istib-Prelep road, severing communications between the Bulgarian army northeast of Monastir and that in the Lake Doiran region. Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Serbs have taken between 9,000 and 10,000 prisoners and 120 guns.

Not so spectacular, but of vital importance have been the operations of the French and British from the south of St. Quentin to Cambrai. Both the French, General Dabney and Field Marshal Haig have won highly essential ground in the maneuvers which have as their objectives the obliteration of the Hindenburg line, the capture of St. Quentin and the turning of the German line at Laon. South of St. Quentin the French have advanced their line to the west bank of the Oise canal over a front of three miles and now completely outflank St. Quentin on the south and La Fere on the north. Meanwhile, Field Marshal Haig north of St. Quentin, around the village of Epehy, has taken strong positions from the enemy.

Rev. J. W. Suttle, of Shelby, former pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church was here today.

Airplane for Rocky Mount.

Representative Pou has obtained the loan of an airplane to lead impetus to the Liberty Loan drive to be inaugurated at Rocky Mount on October 1-4. George Horne and W. S. Moye presented the claims of Rocky Mount for such an attraction in its efforts to oversubscribe the Fourth Liberty Bond allotment. The War Department is only loaning airplanes to towns and communities within a radius of 100 miles of Norfolk.—News and Observer.

WEDDING IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Mr. Archie S. Lawhon, of Smithfield, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Watson Married. Will Live in Smithfield.

Fayetteville, Sept. 21.—At 11:30 Wednesday morning the wedding of Miss Annie Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallett Watson, and Archie S. Lawhon, was solemnized at the First Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. Joel S. Snyder, officiating. The ushers were Alonzo T. Watson, brother of the bride; Royal Woodall, Sam Stallings, of Smithfield, and Charles V. Sharpe. After the entrance of the ushers came the dame of honor, Mrs. Roy B. Chase, sister of the bride. She was attired in flesh-beaded georgette crepe, with hat to match, and she carried pink Russell roses. The maid of honor was Miss Lelia McLeod. She wore a frock of white georgette crepe with picture hat and her flowers were Russell roses. The bride entered on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Will Franck. The ring ceremony was used in taking the vows.

The bride wore a handsome suit of taupe with hat and accessories to match and she carried bride's roses.

The wedding music was rendered by Miss Maud Hall, who played several selections preceding the ceremony and while the vows were being spoken softly played "To a Wild Rose." Miss Margaret Cotton sang "Until," by Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawhon left on the noon train for a trip to northern cities, after which they will be at home in Smithfield, where the groom is a prominent druggist. He is very popular in Fayetteville, where he has spent much time.

The bride is a handsome girl and greatly admired for many lovely traits of character.

The gifts were very handsome and numerous, among them being a home on Rosemary street, presented to the bride by her parents, and a handsome chest of silver by the groom's people.

A number of parties and showers were given the bride, among them being one tendered by Mrs. S. L. Clement, Miss Myrtle Moore and Mrs. R. B. Case.

Train Strikes Auto, Four Persons Killed.

Greenville, N. C., Sept. 21.—William R. Wheeler, Seth Corbett, Miss Lizzie Corbett, of Waltonburg, and Miss Maude Sawyer, of Camden county, were killed about a mile west of this city late yesterday when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Norfolk Southern passenger train. The accident occurred at a crossing during a rainstorm and it is thought the driver failed to see the approaching train. Miss Ruby Burch, of Waltonburg, the only surviving member of the party, was seriously injured, but physicians say she will recover.

Miss Corbett and her brother were students at the Winterville High School, of which Miss Sawyer was music teacher. They were en route to Waltonburg to spend the week end.

KENLY RED CROSS NOTES.

Kenly, Sept. 20.—The Kenly branch of the Johnston County Chapter A. R. C. reopened their work room last Wednesday after a brief vacation during the warm weather. There was a good attendance at this meeting and the ladies seemed eager to resume their work. The short rest seems to have been very beneficial.

The Kenly people regret the loss of two of their most earnest workers, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson, who have departed for other fields of activities. Mr. Johnson was publicity chairman for the Kenly branch; also chairman of the Junior Red Cross for Johnston County. His work during the War Relief drive will long be remembered by his local chapter.

Mrs. Johnson was organizer of the Kenly Junior Red Cross and had charge of this at the time of her departure. She also organized a Junior Girls' Knitting Club for the Red Cross. This work will now be in charge of Miss Beulah Bailey, and Kenly feels very proud to find one so capable to carry on this work for its branch of the Red Cross.

LIBERTY DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 12

426th Anniversary of Discovery of America Proclaimed by the President. Stimulate Fourth Liberty Bond Loan. Every Town and Community Asked to Properly Commemorate the Day.

President Wilson has proclaimed Saturday, October 12, the four hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the discovery of America, as Liberty Day, and called upon all citizens to celebrate it to stimulate a generous response to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Every city, town and countryside is asked by the President to arrange commemorative addresses, pageants, harvest home festivals or other demonstrations, and he directs that all Federal employes whose services can be spared be given holiday.

The President's proclamation follows:

"Every day the great principles for which we are fighting take fresh hold upon our thought and purpose and make it clearer what the end must be and what we must do to achieve it. We now know more certainly than we ever knew before why free men bought the great nation and government we love into existence, because it grows clearer and clearer what supreme service it is to be America's privilege to render to the world. The anniversary of the discovery of America must therefore have for us in this fateful year a peculiar and thrilling significance.

"We should make it a day of ardent re-dedication to the ideals upon which our government is founded and by which our present heroic tasks are inspired.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do appoint Saturday, the twelfth day of October, 1918, as Liberty Day. On that day I request the citizens of every community of the United States, city, town and countryside, to celebrate the discovery of our country in order to stimulate a generous response to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Commemorative addresses, pageants, harvest home festivals or other demonstrations should be arranged for in every neighborhood under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and the immediate direction of the Liberty Loan committee in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Education and the public school authorities. Let the people's response to the Fourth Liberty Loan express the measure of their devotion to the ideals which have guided the country from its discovery until now, and of their determined purpose to defend them and guarantee their triumph.

"For the purpose of participating in Liberty Day celebrations all employes of the Federal Government throughout the country whose services can be spared may be excused on Saturday, the twelfth day of October, for the entire day.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this 19th day of September, the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-third.

"WOODROW WILSON."

STATE COLLEGE NOW OPEN.

Nearly Eight Hundred Students Getting Their First Touch of Military Life.

The North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, for the present one unit of the government for training the student army corps, opened yesterday morning with a quarantine ordered by Major Hulvey. Seven hundred young men, whose average age is nineteen, are getting their first real taste of military life by an order that will keep them on the college campus for probably three weeks, the enforcement of which is assured by the presence of a detail of twenty men from the Tank Camp.

The college authorities expect at least eight hundred men when all that have registered and all that can be admitted have arrived. More than three thousand boys have applied for entrance and the dormitories are overflowing.—News and Observer.

REVENUE MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

Provides \$8,182,000,000 and is Largest Bill of Its Kind in History. Senate is Yet to Act. Leaders There Say All Possible Speed in its Passage is Assured.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The house late today passed the war revenue bill, designed to raise by taxation approximately \$8,182,000,000 of the 24 or more billions needed by the nation for the current year. The huge measure—the largest of its kind in the history of any nation—now goes to the Senate.

Passage of the bill was unanimous. A formal roll call, demanded by Majority Leader Kitchin, recorded 350 yeas and no nays which, when announced by Speaker Clark, was greeted by a roar of cheers and applause.

All possible speed in the bill's course through the Senate is assured, according to leaders, the Senate finance committee having concluded formal hearings. Desire for the bill's enactment before the November elections has been expressed by leaders in both houses but this is considered doubtful. Consideration of the measure by the House today prior to the vote was brief. An amendment by the House Ways and Means Committee which drafted the bill extending the depletion allowances to gas and oil wells and mines to include "timber and other natural deposits" was adopted.

Just before the final vote, Representative Longworth, of Ohio, Republican, characterized the bill as "a mighty good job" and the "best answer the American Congress can give to the whining peace proposal from Austria.

As passed over to the Senate, the principal revenue-producing sources of the measure—incomes, war excess profits, liquors, tobacco, and luxuries—were approved by the House substantially as drafted unanimously by the ways and means committee after three months' labor. Roughly the total tax levy doubles present returns from internal revenue under existing laws.

In the Senate, mounting war expenses and revenue reduction by prohibition are factors entering into revision, expected to be extensive. Much Senate sentiment exists for reduction of the bill's aggregate levy, while Secretary McAdoo already has disapproved any substantial increase.

Major tax features of the bill as transmitted to the Senate and estimated revenue yields include:

Income tax: Individuals' normal rate increased from 5 to 12 per cent, with the first \$4,000 at 6 per cent, and exemptions of \$1,000 for single, \$2,000 for married persons—\$14,000,000.

Individual surtaxes in incomes over \$5,000; present ranges of one to 65 per cent increased from two 63 per cent, \$1,068,000,000.

Corporations' incomes increased from six to 18 per cent, but with only 12 per cent payable on dividends distributed, debts paid and new Liberty bonds bought—\$894,000,000.

War and excess profits of corporations—80 per cent on war profits and virtually doubled rates on excess profits, ranging from 35 to 70 per cent—\$3,200,000,000.

Beverages, present rates doubled—\$1,137,600,000.

Tobacco, present rate doubled—\$341,204,000.

Luxuries and semi-luxuries, 20 and 10 per cent—\$272,555,000.

Other excise taxes, including automobile sales, jewelry, two cents a gallon on gasoline, etc.—\$274,750,000. Use of automobiles, \$5 to \$50 each—\$72,830,000.

Amusement admissions—\$100,000,000.

Besides these leading revenue sources, the bill provides a general \$10 annual tax for persons in business, trade or professions earning more than \$2,500 and taxes on transportation, insurance, club dues, inheritance, theatres, brokers, mail order sales, bowling, billiard and pool establishments, shooting galleries, riding academies and documentary stamp taxes.

True Liberty consists only in the power of doing what we ought to will, and in not being constrained to do what we ought not to will.—Jonathan Edwards.

MANY DEATHS FROM SPANISH INFLUENZA

Fifty-Seven Are Reported in Boston in One Day. Philadelphia Reports Sixteen While There Were Fourteen Victims at Camp Dix and Eighteen at Camp Devens.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 21.—Dr. W. C. Woodward, of the Boston Board of Health, and Captain John M. Edgar, chief medical officer of the first naval district, assumed an optimistic attitude tonight regarding the influenza epidemic. The forecast of cool weather for Sunday led them to predict that there would be a marked falling off in the number of cases reported Sunday and Monday.

There were 57 deaths today from influenza and 23 from pneumonia. There have been 104 deaths among men of the first naval district since September 14.

William F. Murray, postmaster of Boston, died tonight from influenza after a few days' illness.

Sixteen at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—Sixteen deaths from Spanish influenza were reported in Philadelphia and vicinity today, eight among the civil population and the same number in the fourth naval district.

Fourteen at Camp Dix.

Camp Dix, N. J., Sept. 21.—Fourteen deaths from Spanish influenza occurred here today. One victim was Miss Ella Augusta Stowe, an army nurse, who contracted the disease here before beginning her duties.

18 at Camp Devens.

Ayer, Mass., Sept. 21.—Two officers and 16 privates died at Camp Devens today as a result of influenza and pneumonia.

New York, Sept. 21.—The number of Spanish influenza cases reported to the health department of this city today showed a decrease today, there being twenty new victims as compared with 31 yesterday and 38 the day before. Only one death has resulted thus far. These figures do not include cases at the marine or army hospitals.

Six at Camp Lee.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 21.—Six deaths have resulted among soldiers stationed at Camp Lee from pneumonia, which set in as a complication after Spanish influenza. There have been 1,539 cases of influenza at the camp since the first case appeared on Friday night, September 13. A majority of the men who first contracted the disease have recovered and have returned to active drill work.

FLYING ACE OF ACES SLAIN.

American Lieutenant Shot Down in Fight With Four Germans.

With the American Army on the Lorraine front, Sept. 19. (By the Associated Press).—First Lieutenant David E. Putnam, of Newton, Mass., American ace of aces was killed Thursday, Sept. 12, while on patrol along the American lines of St. Mihiel.

Lieutenant Putnam was flying with Lieutenant Wendella Robertson, of Fort Smith, Ark., when they were attacked by seven German machines. Four of these made for Putnam's airplane and three attacked Robertson's. The attack was sudden and unexpected and the enemy was able to fire from above. Lieutenant Putnam was shot twice through the heart. His machine glided to the earth at Limey within the American lines, where he was found by his comrades. Lieutenant Robertson returned safely.

Lieutenant F. Luke, of Phoenix, Ariz., the aviator who, on Tuesday night, destroyed three enemy balloons inside the German lines, added an enemy airplane to his list of victories at dusk yesterday. The fight took place near Verdun, and when the German machine was down, Lieutenant Luke himself landed near-by in order to make certain the capture of the pilot.

Red Cross Room.

The Smithfield Red Cross Room will be open Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

The ladies of the Clayton branch of the Johnston County Red Cross are on the Tobacco Market this week in the interest of the Red Cross. Last week the Benson branch had representatives here and received quite a goodly sum for this worthy cause.

SOLDIERS DEMAND FIGHT TO FINISH

American Troops Heard of Peace Overture By Enemy "With Suppressed Fury." American Army a Fighting Force and a Political Force.

London, Sept. 20.—Telegraphing under Wednesday's date, Reuter's correspondent at American Headquarters says:

"I have been at pains to sound the sentiments of the American army on the enemy's peace offensive, with a result startlingly convincing. I was prepared for firmness, but I found rather a feeling of suppressed fury at the thought of any terms being made with the Hun until he had yielded his arms and asked for mercy.

"Peace on that basis is the only kind that will satisfy the American soldiers. Their unanimity and inflexibility on this point are remarkable, and it must be remembered that the American army is not only a fighting force but is going to be an enormous political force. A concrete body of 6,000,000 men, even if it grows no larger, trained by bitter experience to a common view is going to have an influence on the policy of the United States which nothing can withstand.

"Moreover, since we are dependent on American resources to bring the war to a conclusion, we may also count on its being concluded in a fashion that will be in agreement with American determination."

HOOVER OUTLINES PLAN.

United States Prepared to Ship Five Million More Tons Foodstuff Than Last Year.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Food Administrator Hoover in outlining in a statement issued tonight the food conservation program recommended for the American people during the coming year, said the United States was prepared to ship 5,730,000 more tons of foodstuffs to its armies and Allies than last year and still have a margin over the amount necessary to maintain health and strength at home.

The allied civilians and armies, the American armies, the Belgian relief and certain neutrals who are dependent upon the United States will require 17,500,000 tons of foodstuffs for the year beginning July 1.

There will be no food rationing in this country so long as the people continue to serve as in the past, Mr. Hoover said, nor will it be necessary, he hoped, to resort to wheatless and meatless days.

\$750,000 DAMAGE FROM HAIL AT STATE FARM.

Three Hundred Acres of Cotton Completely Stripped. Corn and Soybeans Ruined.

A hail storm which struck the State farm in Halifax county last Wednesday did damage to the amount of \$750,000, according to State Superintendent J. R. Collie, of the State Prison, who returned to Raleigh last night after a visit of investigation to the farm. Caledonia Farm, No. 2, was the farm visited by the hail. Caledonia farm No. 1, was damaged some by the wind which accompanied the hail but not seriously. Superintendent Collie was accompanied on his trip to the farm by Col. Sanford Martin, private secretary to Governor Bickett, and R. F. Beasley, State Commissioner of Public Welfare.

Three hundred acres of cotton were completely ruined. The stalks, it is said, were left as bare as they are in January. It is estimated the loss was sixty thousand dollars, as the cotton would have produced a bale to the acre. Two hundred acres of corn was damaged but can be used as feed by cutting it at once. One hundred acres of soybeans were completely ruined. The damage to these two crops was estimated at \$15,000.

The wind unroofed several buildings and blew down several chimneys. The farm of Mr. June Tillery, adjoining Caledonia Farm No. 1, was visited by the hail and severely damaged, but other farms in the vicinity were not damaged.—News and Observer.

The Smithfield tobacco market will be open every day this week except Saturday.