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### PROGRESS OF WAR ON WEDNESDAY

Allied Forces Driving Invader Out of Belgium—Great Progress Being Made on French Front—British Cavalry Sweeping Onward in Palestine—Allies Driving Wedge Eastward Along Flanders Front.

Associated Press Summary.) Hostilities are proceeding without cessation and as in days past, the forces of the allies everywhere are defeating the enemy. In Belgian Flanders, the British, Belgian and French troops under King Albert are sweeping forward for further material gains in the process of driving the invader from Belgian soil. On the front in France the British, French and Americans are hard after the Germans and are making progress, although slowly, notwithstanding the strenuous defense that is being offered.

Both in Serbia and Albania the Entente troops are ridding the invaded districts of the Austro-Hungarian and German contingents, in Albania being led to the north of Durazzo on the Adriatic sea and in Serbia considerable distance beyond Nish with the enemy falling back toward the frontier of Austria-Hungary.

In the Palestine theatre the British cavalry has driven far to the north and northwest of Damascus, having reached Tripoli near the Mediterranean coast, 45 miles north of Beirut and Homs, 85 miles north of Damascus. By this maneuver there seemingly is created for the Ottoman forces the menace of again being caught between General Allenby's armies and crushed as was the case in the early days of the offensive in the region north of Jerusalem. The maneuver also may forecast a new drive by the British from the Bagdad region to form a junction with General Allenby at Aleppo and thus take the Holy Land in its entirety from the Turks. The great wedge of the Allies in Flanders is being gradually extended eastward all along the front of attack. Thourout, at the head of the railway leading to Bruges and numerous villages to the south, have been taken, while Courtrai, the junction point of the railway to Ghent, is almost entirely surrounded. Large numbers of prisoners and many additional guns have been captured by the Belgian, French and British troops who are carrying out the operation.

To the south of this region the British continue successfully their maneuver which has as its main objective the capture of Douai and Lille and the blotting out of the big salient which is barring the way to Valenciennes and the German defense line in that vicinity. Here the Germans are continuing to withdraw, closely followed by the British who are within two and a half miles and three and three-quarters miles of Lille respectively southwest and west of the city.

In the Champagne region where the French and Americans are driving their way northward further good gains have been made notwithstanding the furious efforts of the Germans to hold their line. Reims, the important junction point for the railways running to Mezieres and other points inside the enemy-held territory is all but captured by the French. Eastward the Americans also have again pressed slightly forward.

### TAR HEELS NOW HAVE 64 PER CENT OF QUOTA.

Investment of \$17 to \$20 Per Capita By People in Liberty Bonds. Richmond Does Well.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 16.—When three aviators from Bolin field flew over the city this afternoon, Richmond people came across to the extent of \$1,557,200 in purchasing fourth Liberty loan bonds. This brought the total for the city up to \$18,926,350, or about a million short of the quota.

Figures announced by Governor Seay show that 8,000,000 people in the fifth reserve district have failed to subscribe. Of this number 1,350,000 are in Maryland, 314,000 in the District of Columbia, 2,970,000 in Virginia, 1,207,000 in West Virginia, 2,340,000 in North Carolina, and 1,561,000 in South Carolina. These States have reported on the quotas as follows: Maryland 54 per cent; District of Columbia, 63 per cent; Virginia, 57 per cent; West Virginia 38 per cent; North Carolina, 64 per cent; South Carolina, 50 per cent. An average of \$31,730,000 will have to be raised daily this week in order to meet the quota. On a per capita basis, the figures show Maryland has bought \$32 per capita, Virginia, \$18; West Virginia, North and South Carolina, \$17 to \$20, and the District of Columbia, \$17.

### DEATH OF MR. HUGH COATS.

Came Home From Camp Hancock Two Weeks Ago—Was Stricken With Influenza the Next Day and Died Tuesday—Several Cases of Influenza Around Clayton—Other Clayton News.

Clayton, Oct. 16.—Miss Barbara Gulley came home Monday from Oxford College for two weeks as the school was suspended on account of Spanish influenza.

Mr. Carl Smith, a member of the merchant marine now stationed at Norfolk, is at home spending some time with his parents.

Miss Mildred Gulley left Tuesday for her home at Brookhaven, Mass., after spending most of the summer here with her sister, Mrs. D. E. Austin.

Mr. Siple Atkinson, of Camp Wadsworth, was here on a visit one day last week.

Mrs. M. E. Gattis went to Four Oaks last week to assist her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Austin, as Dr. Austin, Mrs. Austin and three children were sick with influenza. Mrs. Gattis is very sick now with the "flu" but it is hoped she will soon be well again.

Miss Telza Barnes, who came home from the Durham Conservatory a few days ago sick, is very much improved and able to be out.

The friends of Mrs. A. B. Hollowell sympathize with her deeply in the sad news she received a few days ago telling of the death of her brother in France.

About two weeks ago Mr. Hugh Coats came home from Camp Hancock on a ten days' furlough. The next day he was taken with influenza, which resulted in a severe case of pneumonia and his death Tuesday morning of this week at 11:15, at his home about five miles from town. Mr. Coats was married to Miss Cloie Sturdivant just before he was called into service a few months ago. He has made his home here all of his life and has many friends besides a number of loved ones to mourn. He had gone out as brave as any boy here and was willing to die in his country's cause. He was a faithful, true and loyal soldier. He will be buried today at Mount Moriah church.

The "flu" is as bad as ever here now. All the physicians have their hands full. It is hoped it will decrease and very soon.

Mr. A. V. Gulley went back to Smithfield Tuesday to assist in the tobacco market.

### To the Quarantine Officers.

The State is, now absolutely dependent upon the help of the Red Cross and the United States Public Health Service for assistance in dealing with the epidemic of influenza in this State.

The Public Health Service is rendering to the State of North Carolina, having supplied, at their expense, a number of emergency physicians and also a number of emergency nurses.

In return the United States Public Health Service asks you if the disease is prevalent in your county, to please wire, collect, government rate, immediately a night letter to the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., of the number of cases in the county and the number of deaths from influenza and pneumonia, by days, for the last ten days, and wire the Public Health Service the same information each day following the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. S. RANKIN,  
Secretary.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 15, 1918. Unless every doctor in the county keeps Mrs. Thel Hooks, County Quarantine Officer, informed daily as to the number of cases of influenza and pneumonia, she will be unable to make the report is called for above. This is a time when all should respond to the calls made on them.

All undertakers and coffin dealers are requested to report all deaths promptly to Mrs. Thel Hooks, Smithfield.

### NO COUNTY FAIR NEXT WEEK.

County Board at Meeting Wednesday Calls Off All Public Meetings for Another Week.

The County Board of Health held a meeting here Wednesday afternoon to consider the influenza epidemic. After making a thorough canvass of the situation in this county it was decided to call off all public gatherings, and keep all schools, Sunday Schools and churches closed for another week. This action of the Board means that the Johnston County Fair will not be held next week.

### Death of William Holmes.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. William Holmes, a worthy young man of Benson, who died there last Monday night of influenza. He was in the store at work Saturday.

### REPORTS IN STATE MORE FAVORABLE

Worst of Influenza Over Is the Hope of State Board of Health—Normal Life in Fortnight or Two—Wilmington Will Probably Allow Churches to Open Sunday, Schools on Monday.

(News and Observer, 17th.)

Save in a few communities the crest of the influenza epidemic in North Carolina seems to have been reached and the State Board of Health entertains high hopes that North Carolina will be able to return to normal life within the next fortnight or two. The situation in Eastern Carolina seems to be abating a good deal and the west, evidently, has taken time by the forelock and busied itself waging a prevention campaign.

Reports yesterday received at the State Board of Health indicated the formation of logical organizations to aid in the care of those affected as well as for the purpose of taking advantage of all available precautionary measures. Locally the situation seems to be improving except at Camp Polk, where several new cases were reported yesterday.

Calls for assistance yesterday decreased and the State Board of Health feels that there is reason for the hope that the height of the epidemic has been reached.

Several additional doctors and nurses are being placed in answer to pressing calls. Additional doctors and nurses are being released from communities that have passed the worst stage of the epidemic and are becoming available for service elsewhere.

### Wilmington Passes Epidemic Stage.

Col. Charles W. Stiles, of the Public Health Service, today advised the mayor of Wilmington, subject to the approval of the board of health of that city, to allow churches to resume services Sunday and the schools on Monday. Bankers and other business men are advised to return to normal immediately except that the sale of soft drinks and ice cream from other than paper cups or direct from the bottle is advised against. Wilmington was the worst stricken city in the State from influenza, but has now reached a point well beyond the epidemic stage.

### Situation Still Acute.

While the situation in the State as a whole is much brighter there continues much danger. A number of communities are yet in an acute stage, and the warning is given that generally there should be no relaxation of all possible efforts both to combat the further spread of the disease and also for the local care of the affected.

For this purpose the State Board of Health strongly urges that doctors, nurses and other attendants upon the sick, and patients also, make use of face masks, and careful hand disinfection. The exercise of the utmost care will mean the saving of many lives from pneumonia, this disease following influenza being of a highly contagious nature.

### Preventive Measures.

Careful experiments have proven that during ordinary or loud speech inhaled material from the mouth is sprayed from a distance of from one to four feet. During coughing infected material is projected from the mouth for a distance of ten feet. Masks over the face prevent the infectious material from being projected at all. Masks over the face protect those wearing them from being infected by the sick who are not masked. Therefore the State Board of Health urges that both classes should as a preventive measure wear masks. The type made according to the Red Cross regulations is excellent and is inexpensive. It should contain four layers of buttercloth, be about five by eight inches in size, and have tapes for fastening. Masks may be sterilized by boiling and used over and over, but they should be marked on one side and the same side worn next to the face.

### ALLIES WIN GREAT VICTORY.

They Have Forced Germans to Begin Retreat—They Are Nearing the Ghent-Bruges Canal.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press.—4:30 p. m.)—The Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thielt, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges canal. The canal itself is only 10 miles from the border of Holland. So fast is the enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the center of the battlefield, have lost touch entirely with the enemy.

The Belgians advancing astride the Thourout Bruges and Thourout-Ostend roads, have defeated the Germans, who are retreating rapidly.

### NEARLY 13,000,000 MEN ENROLLED FOR SERVICE.

Are 187,836 September Registrants in Excess of the Estimated Number. Others Still to Come.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Final returns from all States show that 12,966,594 men registered for military service September 12. This was 187,836 in excess of the estimate of 12,778,758, made by experts in the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder, based on projections from census figures.

Texas was the last State to report. Its registration as announced tonight by General Crowder was 521,474 against the original estimate of 546,187.

The total announced today does not include registrations received by mail by local boards after September 12, nor belated enrollments by men who were absent from the country that day. Including such cases, it is believed the actual figures will be 13,000,000. This will be still further increased by the registrations of Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii which are to be held on later dates recently fixed by the President.

With the figures compiled today the total number of men who have been registered in the reservoir of the selective service since the United States entered the war, including those registered June 5, 1917, June 5, 1918, and August 24, and September 12, 23,456,021.

### BIG EFFORT NEEDED TO MAKE LOAN A SUCCESS

Nearly \$3,000,000,000 Must Be Gathered in Three Remaining Days of the Drive.

Washington, Oct. 16.—In the face of figures still showing the fourth Liberty Loan only a little more than half raised up to \$3,269,001,500—the chief source of hope tonight lay in assurances of campaign managers for each of the 12 districts that their respective fields would prove up when final returns are counted.

Supporting this attitude was the addition of \$315,000,000 today to the total, the biggest single day's subscription. This still left \$2,730,000,000 to be gathered tomorrow, Friday and Saturday—three days—\$900,000,000 a day. Officials do not expect that big rate to appear in official reports, at least until Saturday. They believe a billion or more will be counted up after the campaign has closed Saturday night from the flood of last minute subscriptions. But they fear that unless the official tabulated total runs considerably above the four billion mark on the latest reports Saturday, the loan may fail to reach its goal.

When the third loan campaign had but three days to run, the official figures stood at \$2,579,000,000, and increased to \$3,006,000,000 by the final night. The post-campaign tabulations added \$1,171,000,000, making the actual subscriptions \$4,176,000,000.

Official reports do not show any federal reserve district above 100 per cent.

Richmond district reports \$153,080,200 subscriptions, 54 per cent of its quota.

### Much Sickness at Center Ridge.

A correspondent writes us from the Center Ridge church section as follows:

"Six families in this neighborhood are down sick. Mr. Pat Brannan and two of his daughters; Mr. A. R. Stancil and family; Mr. H. A. Stancil, his wife and eight children; three are sick at Mr. Henry Stancil's; Mr. Rufus Starling's wife and seven children are down; Mr. J. A. Stancil's wife and seven children are sick. Some in all these families are improving and some are still very sick. Cotton patches are getting white at the homes of these people and no one to pick it. It takes all the well ones to wait on the sick ones. Some people are afraid of the influenza and do not go to see them, but they will cook for them if the food is sent to them. We are thankful of that much.

"Mr. G. I. Stancil and daughter, Effie, attended the burial of Mr. Elbert Stancil's wife last Saturday afternoon. She was buried at the Freeman Harrell family graveyard in Wilson county."

While our correspondent did not say they were sick of influenza, it is presumed that this is what has afflicted them.

The people should be very careful about visiting, but should do their duty and try to care for the sick. Put a mask over your mouth when you go into a room where there is influenza and use every precaution.

Absence diminishes little passions and develops great ones, as the wind extinguishes candles and fans a fire.—La Rochefoucauld.

### INFLUENZA BAD IN BOON HILL.

Several Deaths and Other People Seriously Sick—Others News of Interest in Princeton.

Princeton, Oct. 16.—Mr. W. L. Hastings from the Battleship Maime, in the U. S. Navy, is visiting his parents for a few days.

Mr. Oscar Eason went to Spicer Hospital, Goldsboro last Saturday. It was feared that he would have pneumonia. We are informed that it is a pretty good case of "flu" and it is now hoped that the worst stages of the case are past and that he will speedily recover.

Mr. Ira Talton, one of Uncle Sam's navy boys, is spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. Roger Pearce.

Miss Lena Woodard, of Sanford, spent Sunday at home.

A young man named Dixon had his hand mashed off in the cotton press at Mr. Dan Williams' cotton gin four miles from town Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Eason, the druggist, is confined to his home with the "flu."

Miss Lissie Woodard is very seriously ill with the "flu" at Pennington, Va. Miss Rochelle Hinton is also very sick and has been in the hospital two weeks at the same place. Miss Lila Stuckey, another Princeton girl at the same place, is expected to come home any day.

Miss Tempie Hood, a young lady near Neuse river section, died Tuesday with the "flu." She was only recently graduated at a female school and returned home. She was only 20 years of age.

Mr. Harry Pearce died at Camp Humphrey, Va., a few days ago. His body arrived here yesterday. He was a son of Mr. Jesse Pearce, living ten miles from town, on Neuse river. His death was caused by "flu."

Mrs. Ivey Peele and another one of her children died yesterday at the home of Mrs. Mollie Raines, four miles north of town. There were fourteen children in bed with the flu at this home on Monday, all of them grandchildren of Mrs. Raines. Her daughter, Mrs. Peele, and two of these children are dead.

The many friends and relatives of Miss Aggie Blackman will regret to learn that she has a very severe case of pneumonia and is not expected to survive.

Mr. Harvey Gurley has returned home from Trinity School, on partial recovery of the "flu."

Mrs. Ida Evans, of Pine Level, and a daughter Mrs. Brown, is very dangerously ill with "flu" here in town. Malton Baker has returned home from Trinity School at Durham.

Dr. Person, the noted physician of Selma, was in town yesterday a short time, on his way to visit Dr. Eason at the hospital in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Dr. Eason and the trained nurse Miss Mallison, went to Goldsboro Saturday to assist in the attendance upon Dr. Eason at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Smith, Jr., were in town Monday on their way to their home, seven miles west of town. They were married only a few days ago.

Henry Massey has returned home from the camp at Cincinnati. He made the entire trip through the country on a Ford car in four days.

### TOTAL OF 527 LIVES LOST IN THE OTRANTO DISASTER

Islay, Scotland, Sunday, Oct. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—According to figures compiled here today and checked with army records, the total loss of life as a result of the disaster to the transport Otranto is 527.

These figures represent one American officer, Second Lieutenant Bernie H. Coffman, of Robinson, Ill., 356 American troops, 164 of the Otranto's officers and crew and six members of the crew of a French fishing boat.

Up to tonight 266 bodies had been recovered. Only two were found today as the result of a change in the wind, which now is blowing strongly off shore and, according to seafaring men, may sweep the bodies far out to sea. The two bodies found today were of an American soldier and a chief petty officer of the Otranto. The unidentified include two Asiatics.

The work of recovering the remaining bodies of victims of the disaster washed up on the shore of Islay island is extremely difficult, owing to the rugged coast and the tons of wreckage which fills every crevice in the rocks.

### Still Two Billion Short.

The report from the Fourth Liberty Loan is that the bond issue is still two billion short of the six billion. The Richmond district has reported only 59 per cent of its quota. A billion dollars will have to be raised each day, today and tomorrow, if the full quota is reached for the country. Every fifty dollar bond helps. Maybe there are many in Johnston county who can take just a little more.

### HOW THE COUNTIES STAND IN W.S.S. SALES

Greene is at Top of Honor List With a Percentage of 128—Guilford is Rated at 82—Johnston is Also Rated at 82.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 16.—A rating of the counties of the State, showing the standing each has made in the war savings campaign has just been completed at State headquarters and given out for publication. The 19 100 per cent counties head the list. These are listed according to the percentages of their war savings allotment raised. They are: Greene, 128; Forsyth, 120; Wilson, 119; Gates, 117; Martin, 108; Jones, 108; Pitt, 107; Anson, 105; Franklin, 103; Edgecombe, 102; Henderson, 102; Chowan, 102; Mecklenburg, 101; Nash, Union, Lenoir, Iredell and Perquimans, 100.

The counties rated as having raised 90 per cent of their quotas are: Onslow, 96; Bertie, 93; and Beaufort, 90. Jackson and Northampton are next, having raised 89 per cent each of their allotment. The counties having raised 80 per cent and over are: Alamance, 87; Haywood, 85; Lee, 83; Stokes, 83; Buncombe, 83; Wayne, 82; Guilford, Gaston, Durham, Johnston and Hyde, 82; Scotland and Rockingham, 81, and Surry, 80. The following counties have raised between 75 and 80 per cent of their quotas: Wake, 79; Davidson, Burke and Camden, 78; Halifax, Stanly, Tyrrell, Orange, Catawba, Alleghany and Cleveland, 77, and Vance 76.

Brunswick county holds the one-hundredth or bottom place on the list and has raised only 9 per cent of her quota. Wilkes is second, having raised 18; Clay is third, having raised 20; Dare, 23; Bladen, 25; Sampson, 31; Watauga, 33; Ashe, 34; Columbus, 35; Graham, 39; Caldwell, 39; Currituck and Duplin, 41; Hoke, 43; Cumberland, 44; Yancey, 45; Cherokee and Moore, 47; Caswell, 38; and Rutherford, 49. All remaining counties have raised between 50 and 75 per cent of their quotas.

### Your War-Savings Pledge is a Solemn Obligation.

Remember that your pledge to buy a certain number of War-Savings before January 1, 1919, is a solemn, sacred obligation which you made your government and which it is counting on you to meet. You may buy Liberty Bonds, and should buy them—all that you can pay for by the strictest kind of economy—but this should not cause you to fail to buy the number of War Savings Stamps for which you have already subscribed. One is as much an obligation to the government as the other. For the reason that you have obligated yourself to the War Savings Campaign is reason enough that you should buy War Savings Stamps first. Only when you have done both to the limit of your ability have you done your duty.

### HOPE TO HOLD FAIR LATER.

The Johnston County Fair Directors Met Here Wednesday.

The directors of the Johnston County Fair held a meeting Wednesday and, in accordance with the action of the County Board of Health, postponed the holding of the Fair until a later date. As soon as the epidemic of influenza is over the directors hope to hold the Fair.

Those who were planning to have exhibits here are asked to have them in readiness for the Fair and look out for the date which will be announced in due season.

### ASKED TO USE BIGGER STAMPS.

Postmasters to Encourage Use of High Denomination Stamps.

As a measure of economy postmasters and postoffice employees are directed to encourage the public to use stamps of the highest denomination suited to the amount of postage required on all mail. For example, a three-cent stamp instead of three one-cent stamps should be affixed to letters needing three cents postage; and a ten-cent stamp instead of five two-cent stamps should be attached to parcels requiring ten cents postage. Cooperation between postoffice employees and the public in the sale and use of stamps of the higher denominations will effect a large saving to the government in the cost of producing, transporting, and cancelling them, and will benefit the public in minimizing the number of stamps handled and affixed to mail. This benefit will be especially important to business concerns mailing large quantities of letters and parcels, and postmasters are directed to bring the suggestion particularly to their notice.