

# THE DUNN DISPATCH

## WEDGE DELIVERED TO HINDENBURG LINE

### Surprise Attack on Line of 30 Miles Carries British into Maximum Depth of Five Miles

BRITISH Army Headquarters in France Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans are fighting on their last line of defense at one point of the British attack.

Nearly a score of guns is reported to have been captured. The British are pushing on toward Cambrai, three miles southwest of Maroing. North-west of Maroing, the high ground known as Preme Chapelle has been fought over, and the Germans have been forced to withdraw.

## TASK APPARENTLY WAS FASZY: GERMAN LOSSES NUMEROUS

The great Hindenburg defense line, upon which the German commander-in-chief had built his hopes of holding the British from entering the open territory beyond, has been smashed. And the attack apparently was an easy one.

Attacking over a front of 22 miles, extending from the Somme River east of Arras, to St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig, with his English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh troops, has made one of the most rapid and spectacular drives of the present war, catching the German completely by surprise in the onslaught, capturing numerous positions which were regarded as impregnable and taking in addition thousands of prisoners and numerous guns.

The apex of the offensive apparently is centered on the important railway junction of Cambrai, lying to the east of the old line between Arras and St. Quentin. Here, having taken the town of Maroing, Annex, Graincourt and Novelles, the victorious troops at last accounts were well within gun range of Cambrai, with its railroad lines and roadways branching out toward all the main points of the compass.

## Monster Tanks Lead the Way

The latest advice indicates that the British have not yet started their attack, but aided by monster tanks which are leading the way, followed by infantry and machine gun detachments.

French Begin Synchronous Attack  
Synchronously, to the south around St. Quentin and east of that point in the Aisne region, the French have begun an offensive. While no details of this movement have been received, it doubtless has the object of pushing back the Germans eastward in the former sector and northward in the latter region toward Laon, strategic moves which, if successful, would compel that part of the German line north of St. Quentin which is still intact to fall back precipitately eastward.

The British drive was a with-out the usual artillery barrage. A as the tanks and infantrymen made their way through the wire entanglements and pressed into the German first positions the surprised enemy began sending up myriads of signal rockets calling for assistance. Whether aid was rushed up is not definitely known, but seemingly the surprised Germans fled in disorder, leaving all kinds of equipment behind and in most cases did not even take time as is usual, to apply the torch to villages they evacuated.

British Casualties Light  
The British casualties are derisively an extremely light while German dead covered the ground as the British pressed onward. Reports to date indicate that the depth of the penetration in the region of Cambrai has exceeded five miles, and that at one point at least the troops swept on five miles beyond the German lines, capturing additional villages. The offensive was led by the commander of General Sir Julian Hedworth George, and General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces in France, was an interested observer of it.

## COUNTY JAILS SCORE LOW

Twenty-Four Jails Make Average Score of 56 Scores Not Satisfactory to Board of Health

Twenty-four county jails that have been recently inspected by officials of the State Board of Health made an average score of 56 out of a possible 100. The inspection had to do with the health and sanitary conditions of prisoners and for this reason, the board pronounces the average score of 56 unsatisfactory.

## NO THOUGHT OF PEACE BEFORE THE YEAR 1919

"Germans Are Not Winning the War, But Neither Are We," Says McNeill McCormack

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Mc McCormack, in a statement tonight, said: "The Germans are not winning the war. Neither are we."  
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## HOME GUARD ORGANIZED

G. M. Tilghman Made Captain, Z. V. Snipes, 1st Lieutenant

The Harnett County Home Guard Company was organized here last week at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Municipal building, Chas. Room, of Lillington, chairman of the Council of Defense of Harnett county, was present, and aided in the organization of the company. The company is composed of men who are not subject to draft, among whom are a number of prominent business men of the county. Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of the Presbyterian church was made chaplain.

## DUNN CONTRIBUTES \$1,160 TO Y. M. C. A. FUND

Campaign Was Lively and Many Subscriptions Received

The drive for contributions for the Y. M. C. A. war work fund in Dunn last week resulted in raising \$1,160. The campaign was in charge of Eugene Lee, who was made chairman of the committee to solicit funds and Horace Freeman, who acted as secretary and treasurer. The people of the town responded liberally, although the goal, which was \$1,500, was not reached. A thorough canvass was made of the town and the contributions ranged from 25 cents to \$50.00. A list of those who contributed will appear in next week's Dispatch.

## MILLIONS OF PENNIES TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE

Persistent Calls For Pennies and Nickels Indicates Hoarding for the Holiday Trading

Washington, Nov. 20.—Reports that the shortage of one-cent pieces had caused clearing houses in several eastern and middle western cities to determine to issue paper script to be circulated locally instead of pennies, reached the treasury today and were met by an immediate effort to ship more small coins eastward from the Denver and San Francisco mints. Five million one-cent pieces were on their way to Chicago to relieve the shortage in the middle west, and the movement of small coins will continue through December to accommodate holiday shopping demands in eastern cities.

## RID THE FARM OF RATES

Raleigh, N. C., November 20.—The many economies being practiced by North Carolina farmers to save all food possible is of no avail if he is to allow the rats and mice to make up for his loss with foodstuffs that he can save by careful economy. It is estimated that the loss due to destruction by rats on the average North Carolina farm will pay the tax of that farm with some 100 rats. According to a bulletin received from the United States Department of Agriculture, the destruction of food and property in the United States amounts to something over the combined earnings of an army of 200,000 men.

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY GOVERNOR BICKETT

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Governor Bickett's Thanksgiving proclamation, given out for reading today, is as follows:

"The man of the nation that prizes his honor and his rights above righteously is the man who can never hope to be happy and content. In the Providence of God the world is today engaged in blood-red debate to determine whether governments shall henceforth be guided by the love of justice or by lust for self and power. Not in rashness nor in anger, but thoughtfully, in the fear of God, and in the respect for his own conscience, the nation has considered its unlimited resources and its unbounded spirit to the maintenance of governments that will guarantee fair treatment to every man and every nation. It is cause for universal Thanksgiving that in the most awful and bloodiest hour of human history the conscience of our people triumphed over the counsel of selfishness and fear. This is the blessing of the year. Now, therefore, I Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the sacred custom of our fathers, and in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, as a day for universal Thanksgiving. And I do call upon the people of North Carolina to assemble on that day in their places of worship, and with humble and contrite hearts give thanks to the Lord of Hosts and the Heavenly Father for his merciful care. And let us remember in helpful ways the widow and the orphan and all who walk in the shadow of adversity. And let us pray accordingly that He who 'Rides the whirlwind and directs the storm' may crown our forces on sea and land with everlasting victory and that war may come no more upon the earth. Done in our city of Raleigh, on this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence. (GREAT SEAL) T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

## TRAFFIC STRIKE MENACE APPARENTLY IS ENDED

Warfare Will Be Unhindered by Possibility of Tie-Up by Wage Difficulties

Washington, Nov. 20.—Concessions made by both the railroads and the heads of the four brotherhoods as a result of the present wage issue, is taken by officials as complete assurance that America's warfare against Germany will go forward to the end unhindered by the possibilities of transportation tie-up over wage difficulties.

## WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB

This Excellent Musical Organization to Give Concert Here Saturday Night

The Wake Forest College Glee Club and Orchestra will give a concert in the Opera House Saturday night, Nov. 24th, at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Red Cross. Every cent of the proceeds, with the exception of the actual expenses of the trip, will go to the Red Cross. This club will give an entertainment that all will enjoy and a large number of the Dunn people should attend. The entertainment these boys give has been heard in most every town in North Carolina of any size and the praise of the State has been unanimously given. Every day in our lives we enjoy good singing of good instrumental music, and it is well to hear them.

## TRUST COMPANIES OF NORTH CAROLINA HAVE LARGE RESOURCES

The Trust Companies in North Carolina have resources of \$49,022,125.92, a gain of \$13,774,696.05, or 38 per cent over last year according to the 15th annual edition of "Trust Companies of the United States," just published by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York. The 1917 book, which is now being distributed consists of about 600 pages and contains a wealth of interesting figures and data. Resources, detailed statements, names of officers and directors, stock quotations, etc., are given for more than 2900 companies. In the preface, John W. Platten, President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, says in part: "With the 1917 edition of 'Trust Companies of the United States,' this publication reaches its fifteenth issue and in the period covered Trust Companies have achieved notable gains in strength and influence. The figures for the year ending June 30th, 1917, show total resources to be nearly \$9,000,000,000, an increase of more than \$1,500,000,000, or 17 per cent over last year. For the five-year period Trust Company resources have increased nearly \$5,500,000,000, or upwards of 63 per cent. The yearly summing up, therefore, affords cause for the utmost satisfaction on the part of the Trust Companies of the country and the rapidly growing clientele served by them."

## SELMA'S DEATH MYSTERY

Body of Charles Starling Found in an Old Well  
Selma, Nov. 18.—Charles Starling, who was murdered some weeks ago near Selma and whose body was found in a well is still a mystery. Starling was missed on Monday night and strict search was made for him, but he could not be found. Later in the week some marks were found and some blood on the ground but no trace of the body. Last Monday evening his body was found floating on top of an old well at a sawmill with two sacks of bricks tied to him. His body was badly swollen and was buried at once. An inquest was held that night but the preliminary hearing in regard to it was postponed till last Friday. The outcome of Friday's hearing is still kept a secret and will not be known for a few days yet. Some arrests are expected to follow, as they have a clue of the guilty party.

## ALL EXEMPTIONS REVOKED

All Registrants Not in Military Service Must Answer Questions—The Classification

Copies of the list of questions to be answered by every man, who is not now in service, have been sent to local exemption boards. These questions must be answered not only by registrants who have not been called, but by all who have been exempted. All exemptions and discharges made prior to the date of the new rules and regulations, and all certificates in evidence thereof, are revoked, and all such certificates heretofore issued shall have no further validity, says section 4 of the regulations. The list of questions to be answered will be mailed to registrants next month. The blank must be filled out and returned within seven days. Provision is made for all necessary help in answering the questions, by clerks and others, without cost to the registrant. The answer to the questions will place in the hands of the government the life history of every registered man and will give a complete census of the most military age in 78 trades, industries and professions. After the blanks have been filled out classification will begin and men will be called for service according to class, as follows:

- Class 1.  
A—Single man without dependent relatives.  
B—Married man, with or without children, who has habitually failed to support his family.  
C—Married man dependent on wife for support.  
D—Married man with or without children, or father of motherless children; man not usefully engaged, unable to support himself by income independent of his family.  
E—Unskilled farm laborer.  
F—Unskilled industrial laborer.  
G—Registrant by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed to be made.  
H—Registrant who fails to submit himself to a physical examination, or who is classified as unable to bear arms.  
I—Registrants not included in any other division in this schedule.
- Class 2.  
A—Married man with children, or father of motherless children, who has a dependent wife or child, or who is unable to support himself and his family by his own efforts, or who is unable to support his family by his own efforts, or who is unable to support his family by his own efforts, or who is unable to support his family by his own efforts.
- Class 3.  
A—Man with dependent children (not his own) but toward whom he stands in relation of parent.  
B—Man with dependent, aged or infirm parents.  
C—Man with dependent, helpless brothers or sisters.  
D—County or municipal officer.  
E—Highly trained fireman or police man, at least three years in service of municipality.  
F—Necessary custom house clerk.  
G—Necessary employee of United States in transmission of the mail.  
H—Necessary artificer or workman in United States armory or arsenal.  
I—Necessary employe in service of United States.  
J—Necessary assistant, associate, or hired manager of necessary agricultural enterprise.  
K—Necessary highly specialized technical or mechanical expert of necessary industrial enterprise.  
L—Necessary assistant or associate manager of necessary industrial enterprise.
- Class 4  
A—Man whose wife or children are mainly dependent on his labor for support.  
B—Mariner actually employed in sea service of citizen or merchant in the United States.  
C—Necessary sole managing, controlling, or directing head of necessary agricultural enterprise.  
D—Necessary sole managing, controlling, or directing head of necessary industrial enterprise.  
E—Officers, legislative, executive or judicial of the United States, or of State, Territory or District of Columbia.  
F—Regular or duly ordained minister of religion.  
G—Student who on May 19, 1917, was preparing for ministry in recognized school.  
H—Persons in military or naval service of United States.  
I—Resident alien (not an enemy) who claims exemption.  
J—Person totally and permanently physically or mentally unfit for military service.  
K—Person morally unfit to be a soldier of the United States.  
L—Licensed pilot actually employed in the pursuit of his vocation.  
M—Member of well-recognized religious organization, organized and existing on May 19, 1917, whose existing creed or principles forbid its members to participate in war in any form, and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein. Persons who fail to answer the questions will be automatically placed in class M. Provision is made for exemption which might change the classification of the registrant after the questions are answered must be.

## RAILROADS GIVE FREE FREE HAND OVER THEM

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Wilson today gave a free hand by the railroads in his effort to avert a strike for higher wages by engineers, conductors, trainmen and brakemen, with whom representatives he will confer Thursday. Formal announcement by the railroads' war board that the railroads were ready, should any crisis arise, to place their interests unreservedly in the hands of the President for such disposition as he may determine as necessary in the public interest was expected to clear away misunderstandings of the four brotherhoods over the attitude of the road, which had caused the unions to refuse to arbitrate the dispute. Possibility of a stoppage of commerce thereby being the outcome was feared as to have passed. They expected that an agreement to leave the matter to the President would result from Thursday's conference and already suggestions for means to forestall any further agitation concerning wages and conditions of work during the war which at the same time would protect the workers in maintaining their standards of life in the midst of war prices, are under consideration. Example of allowing the board of trade to regulate wages at intervals of several months and at the same time adjust rate to protect the railroads, is being given class study. Some form of continuing arbitration is believed, will result from the President's announcement, but meeting negotiations. For that matter, the railroads have indicated that they may ask for some form of control of wages at 12 rates daily in that effect to regulate cost, wages and prices. "The railroads' attitude was disclosed in a letter to the President, dated Nov. 18, 1917, in which the board of the United States Board of War Production and Mobilization who has been President Wilson's representative in preliminary conference with both sides, stated that the board would not be a party to any strike, and would maintain its neutrality in the event of a strike, and would continue to operate the railroads for the government's needs. The board also stated that the board would continue to operate the railroads for the government's needs. The board also stated that the board would continue to operate the railroads for the government's needs.

## A. C. L. YIELDS TO CLERKS

Read Will Reconsider Union For Duration of War

Washington, Nov. 19.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railway has made concessions to the clerks who have been out on a strike. The railway will recognize the union for the duration of the war; it is said, and will put the strikers back to work, where places have not been filled. This was done, it is said, in the interest of the government.

## MRS. W. H. STRICKLAND DEAD

Friday morning, Nov. 16th at the dark hours of the night was passing and another day was dawning the home of W. H. Strickland and the entire community was made and when death pushed aside the door, entered and claimed the life of the wife and mother, Frances M. E. Strickland.

## in Rioting in Berks County List Heavy

London, Nov. 20.—Serious rioting took place in Berlin last Sunday, according to dispatches received by the Wireless Press and the Exchange Telegraph company, from Amsterdam. The message to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the rioting between the mob and the police was very fierce and that there was a heavy casualty list. The Wireless Press says the military and police were called upon to oppose the progress of the independent socialist demonstrators. In the riotous scene which followed the police were forced to fire with their rifles and revolvers and the organizers of the meeting responded with firearms and knives. The German press, the dispatches say, have been forbidden to publish details of the affair. No newspapers have arrived in Amsterdam from Berlin.

## BABY SHOW

Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 2:30 to 5 o'clock children under five entered free for the Silver Cup. Let everybody come out and vote for the prettiest baby. 10 cents a vote. Free announced later.

## reported to the local board within five days. Failure to report such change of status or making a false report is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment. Answers of registrants will be verified and one who makes a false claim for the purpose of securing exemption or a classification to which he is not entitled, will be punished.