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## AMERICANS ARE KILLED

THREE ARE DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED

War Department Gives Out Names of American Soldiers Killed, Wounded and Missing, Constituting Uncle Sam's First Contribution to the God of War on Europe's Battlefields.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The names of Germany's first victims in land warfare against the American forces are announced by the War Department. They were:

### KILLED.

Private Thomas Enright, of Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Private James Gresham, of Evansville, Ind.  
Private Earle Hay, of Gridden, Iowa.

### WOUNDED.

Private John Smith, of Ludington, Mich.  
Private Charles Hopkins, of Stanton, Texas.  
Private George Box, of Altus, Oklahoma.  
Private Homer Givens, of Gloverdale, Ala.  
Private Charles Orr, of Lyons, Ky.

### CAPTURED OR MISSING.

Sergeant Harley Burton, Stony Point, N. C.  
Corporal Mullhall, of Jersey City.  
Corporal Hay, of Westward, Okla.  
Private Godfrey, of Chicago, Ill.  
Private Skendall, of Oklahoma.  
Private Grigsby, of Kentucky.  
Sergeant McDougall, of Missouri.  
Private Daniel Gallagher, of Blocton, Ala.  
Sergeant John Lester, of Tutwiler, Miss.  
Sergeant Langman, of Chicago.  
Sergeant Kern, of Iowa.  
Private Kecken, named in the report, cannot be identified.  
The Americans occupied a salient in the region of the Rhine-Marne canal. They were cut off from retreat or reinforcements by a murderous barrage fire.  
The German losses in this engagement are still unknown.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Advancing under protection of a heavy barrage fire, a German raiding party before daylight on November 3 stormed a trench held by American infantry, killing three, wounding five and capturing 12, according to dispatches from General Pershing received by the war department tonight.

American infantry were in occupation of a small salient for instructions when cut off from main body by heavy bombardment of German artillery. General Pershing reports the capture of one prisoner. Enemy losses are not known, says the dispatch. The official statement issued by the war department is as follows: "The war department has received a dispatch from the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces which stated that before daylight November 3, a salient occupied for instruction by a company of American infantry was raided by Germans. The enemy put down the heavy barrage fire, cutting off the salient from the rest of the men. Our losses were three killed, five wounded and 12 captured or missing. The enemy's losses are not known. One wounded German was taken prisoner."

Pershing's cable received late tonight by the war department gave the first meager details of the first actual fighting experienced by America's overseas forces. Intimations of a conflict were had in dispatches from Berlin yesterday declaring that American prisoners had been captured.

## Cleveland Cullings.

The Star, 2nd.  
There will be an election in the recorder's office in the court house Monday to elect five commissioners of the Buffalo Drainage District. Only residents of the district owning land therein are entitled to vote. W. H. Jennings and G. F. Wolfe are to be the judges of the election.

The First National Bank says there is a famine in pennies, due to the war taxes and the heavy demand that is being made for pennies on account of so many articles being sold at odd prices. The bank has 10,000 ordered from the mint, but the mint is behind with its coinage and they have not as yet arrived.

A number of prominent Shelby citizens went to Charlotte last night to confer with the scouting party which is selecting the route via Shelby. It may be that the party will pass through today, although this is not certain.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have moved to Shelby from Winston-Salem and occupy Mr. J. H. Hull's house on east Marion street. Mr. Johnson is understood to be connected with an awning business at Winston-Salem and Spartanburg and comes to Shelby as a half-way ground.

## THIRTY INJURED IN BIG EXPLOSION TODAY.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW KINGSTON, Pa., Nov. 5.—Thirty persons were injured in an explosion at a big aluminum plant here today. Five of the injured were probably mortally wounded. The explosion was followed by fire which completed the destruction of the plant. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION.

Mrs. G. W. Ragan and Mrs. P. R. Falls will leave tomorrow for Winston-Salem to represent William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution at the annual State convention to be held there this week. They will be the guests of Mrs. R. J. Reynolds.

### D. A. R. MEETING POSTPONED.

The regular meeting of William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon of next week, November 16, with Mrs. John G. Carpenter at her home on South Oakland street. The meeting was postponed from this week in order to hear the reports from the delegates, Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Falls, who are attending the State Convention in Winston-Salem this week.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. B. F. Leonhardt, of Lowell, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. C. L. Abernethy, of Alexis, was in the city on business today.

—Superintendent Joe R. Nixon, of the Cherryville public schools, was in the city on business Saturday.

—The board of county commissioners is holding its regular monthly meeting for November today.

—Best short staple cotton is selling at 27 and 3-4 cents a pound on the local market today. Cotton seed is bringing \$1.15 per bushel.

—Mr. J. C. McNeely, of Gastonia, and T. B. McNeely, of Charlotte, have gone to New York to purchase goods for the McNeely Company.

—Mr. Herman Smith and Miss Hettie Faulkner, of West Gastonia, were married at the court house by Rev. H. H. Jordan.

—Mr. D. T. Ferrell, principal of the Alexis graded schools, and Mr. T. W. Garrison, of Alexis, were business visitors in the city Saturday.

—Mr. Charles Ford and Mr. John R. Rankin will go to Greenville, S. C., tomorrow to spend the day with the Gastonia boys at Camp Sevier.

—The Gastonia Hardware Company announces a special demonstration of aluminum cooking utensils for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. See their advertisement in his issue.

—Dr. L. N. Glenn returned this morning from Chicago, Ill., where he attended the meeting of the National Congress of Surgery. While away Dr. Glenn also spent some time at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn., doing special work.

—Dr. Lee Johnson has gone to Philadelphia and New York to take a postgraduate course. He will make a special study of surgery and diseases of children. He expects to be absent from the city for a month or more.

—George Mason, a son of Sam Mason, well-known and highly esteemed Gastonia negro, was killed by a train at Pomona Saturday. Details of the accident are not known. The body was shipped here Saturday night and buried Sunday.

—Mr. Carl Smith and family, of Macon, Ga., arrived in the city last night to spend a short time as the guests of Mr. Smith's sister, Mrs. J. W. West, at her home on West Airline avenue. They will go later to Sanley to visit Mr. Smith's father, Mr. L. L. Smith.

—Much complaint is heard from persons who have to use West Franklin avenue at the delay in paving the Southern Railway's sidetrack where it crosses Franklin near the Lory Drug Store. This is now the only rough spot in an otherwise beautiful street. Material for the work has been placed, but not yet used.

## ALLIES RUSHING AID TO THE ITALIAN FRONT.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Nov. 5.—What will probably be one of the most momentous war conferences yet held has been called in Rome. Premiers Lloyd-George of Great Britain and Painleve of France, accompanied by military experts representing their respective governments, are on their way to Rome. It is expected that the result of this conference will be a great Anglo-French-Italian drive against the invading Teutons. It has already been officially announced that heavy reinforcements have been sent to the aid of General Cadorna. Little actual fighting is reported from the Italian front today. The last report was of Teuton attacks on the Italian outposts along the Tagliamento river.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at 26.33, May 25.85.

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## A PATRIOTIC OCCASION

NORTH CAROLINA DAY DECEMBER 14TH

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Busy Outlining Program—"To Make, To Save, To Serve" Central Idea to be Promulgated in Every School House in the State.

North Carolina day will be celebrated this year in the public schools of the State on December 14—the first Friday in December.

The State superintendent of public instruction is hard at work on the program. The day will be utilized for a great patriotic celebration in each public schoolhouse of the State for the stimulation of thrift, conservation, and patriotic service among the children and among all the people of the community and for the general dissemination of information about the great State and national movements for thrift, conservation, and patriotism, and the reasons therefor, and the aims and purposes thereof.

The entire program will be built around the three ideas of thrift, conservation and patriotism. The slogan of the program will be "To make, to save, to serve." The active co-operation of all patriotic organizations of the State and county—the food conservation boards, councils of defense, the Red Cross, etc., with the educational forces in each county and school district, will be enlisted for making North Carolina Day a powerful agency this year for the promotion and advancement of the patriotic purposes for which all of these organizations are unselfishly working.

The chairman of the State council of defense, the secretary of the State historical commission and the State food administrator, are co-operating with the State superintendent of public instruction and the State department of education in the preparation of the program.

In such a celebration of North Carolina Day at every public schoolhouse—the logical and social center of every community—with the active and sympathetic co-operation of all the educational and patriotic organizations of State county and community can be reached a splendid climax to the activities of the past months for the promotion of thrift, conservation and patriotism.

## CAROLINA BOY GOES DOWN

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The picket boat from a United States battleship was fouled off an Atlantic port. Twelve seamen are missing and are believed to have been lost. It is thought the disaster took place several days ago. Naval officials were not allowed to make the occurrence public until today.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—An official report given out with reference to the sinking of a picket boat of a United States battleship, referred to in an earlier report today, states that the boat was sunk on October 30th. Three bodies were lost. One of these was from the South. His name was Arthur Flow and his father lives at Matthews, N. C. The others missing were from Northern and Eastern States.

## Lincoln Locals.

The News, 2nd.

County Crop Reporter J. E. Hoover thinks reports from over Lincoln this year will show increased yields of all kinds. He has 12 assistant reporters over the county who are beginning to report. Mr. Hoover sends these reports in to State Agent Parker at Raleigh.

A colored man walked into the First National Bank Monday and inquired if he could buy some Liberty Bonds. Asked if he wanted to pay for them on the weekly payment plan he said, no, I have got the money to pay for them spot cash. And he turned \$200 of cotton money into Liberty bonds. The sale had closed Saturday, but the colored man was so dead in earnest that the banker let him have some bonds anyway.

With 195 people buying Liberty Bonds, and thereby loaning Uncle Sam cash to help win the war, this county made a good showing. The total amount of money realized from the bond sale in the county was \$85,700; 110 customers buying \$43,000 worth through the First National Bank, and 85 customers buying \$42,700 worth through the County National Bank.

County Agent Smarr reports that Dorothy Yount, Henry N. C., member of Lincoln County Boys and Girls Poultry Club won the first honors at the State Fair recently with her single comb Rhode Island Red chickens. Two cockerels and two pullets were sent down. First and second place was won with the cockerels, and first and third on the pullets. Besides the honor, the cash premiums in the above places amounted to \$5. The cockerel winning second place and the two pullets were sold at a fancy price which gives Dorothy a nice little sum of money. Dorothy had her choicest birds at the Gaston county fair which were not returned in time to send to Raleigh, so the birds sent to Raleigh were not her best. An exhibit will be made at the Charlotte fair next week.

## GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Revival Meeting.

A special revival meeting will begin at the First Wesleyan Methodist church on Franklin avenue Tuesday night, November 6, and will continue through November 18. Evangelist J. E. Hughes, of Kingswood, Ky., will do the preaching, and services will be held every evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Real Estate Deal.

An interesting deal in real estate was closed last week when P. F. Leventis & Company, wholesale fruit dealers, bought from Mr. C. L. Chandler a lot fronting 60 feet on West Main avenue and running back 250 feet to the Southern Railway tracks. This lot adjoins Mr. Chandler's residence property at 318 West Main. The lot will be used by Messrs. Leventis & Company at some time in the future as the location for a large store building for their wholesale fruit business which is now located in the Johnston buildings.

A Curiosity.

Mr. John L. Carson was exhibiting a curiosity on the streets this morning in the shape of a large piece of earth melted into a glassy-like mass by a current of 44,000 volts of electricity. About 6:30 o'clock this morning one of the large wires of the Southern Power Company broke and fell to the ground in a cornfield on Mr. Frank Hawkins' farm south of the city. At 8:30 o'clock when Mr. Carson, in company with a force of wiremen, went to the spot they found this mass of solid earth where the wire lay on the ground. They dug out a piece to bring back with them and left a still larger piece in the ground. It was still too hot to handle without gloves. The soil at this point is of a sandy type.

## FLORA SANDS.

One of the bitterest contests chronicled during the Great War has for its setting that bleak region surrounding Gornitchevo and Kaymak-ohalah, in the Serbian campaigns to defend their little country from the Teuton occupiers.

In the Serbian ranks were many heroic women who dressed like the men and fought as unselfishly. But we are to tell about a little woman—a Scot—who exiled herself from her native hills of old Scotland to march over hard frozen ground powdered with wind-driven snow on the hills of Serbia.

Her claim to fame would very probably have never been differentiated from that of many an other woman trudging in the Serbian ranks had she not been cast by fate into a military hospital maintained by the British on that front.

In the early winter that saw the beginning of the drives which pushed the Bulgars-Germans back to the mountain known as Hill No. 1212, this little Scotchwoman was carted to the base hospital with her whole right side, from the shoulder to the knee, a mass of torn flesh and shattered bone.

Miss Flora Sands—for that is the name of this intrepid Scotswoman—began working in Serbia as a Red Cross nurse early in the war. Her sympathy became so aroused by the sufferings and heroism of the people that, when the hospital units were broken up during the great retreat of October and November, 1915, she solicited and obtained permission to enlist as a private soldier in the rear guard that protected the retreating army. Before that army reached the Adriatic she had won promotion. Become Sergeant Sands, she stood high in the regard of both officers and men of the crack regiment to which she still belongs. On the Macedonian front she went through the whole of the arduous and successful campaign that began on September 12.

It was in the decisive assaults on the highest crest of Hill No. 1212 that Miss Sand's active career was suddenly cut short. How this happened let her relate in her own words:

"We had been crouching in our shallow pits for hours, waiting impatiently for the order to attack. At 7 o'clock in the morning the order came. It was snowing and the snow lay on the ground. I was out of my pit in half a second, and running as fast as my legs would move. I am always the first to leave cover. It is my duty as a non-commissioned officer. But, unfortunately, I am not so nimble as most of my men. So it happens that I am generally among the last to reach an enemy trench. Well, I had nearly reached the brink of the Bulgarian trench in which our men were already at grips with the defenders. I was one of a small group of laggards—perhaps half a dozen—when a well-aimed grenade fell in our midst. A couple of men besides myself were in the radius of its explosion and fell wounded, but I seem to have got most of the scatter."

So this Amazon tells her story. Simple it is and self-denying, for a number of her brother officers have stories to tell of the engagement which considerably elaborate upon her terse recital.

In the military hospital of Camp No. 41 she was the only patient of her sex. The camp had accommodated for 1,600 sick or wounded, and there is a heavy percentage of wo-

## BETTERMENT'S MEETING

LADIES TRANSACTED MUCH BUSINESS

Various Committees Reported at Friday's Meeting—North Carolina Safety Leagues to be Organized—Work of the Library—Papers Read on Red Cross Seal Campaign and Topics Relating to Tuberculosis.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The Woman's Betterment Association held its regular monthly meeting in the auditorium of the Central school Friday afternoon, November 2nd. The president, Mrs. R. C. Warren, presided over the meeting which was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. F. Whitesides.

The minutes of the last meeting were duly read and approved. The membership committee reported the names of six new members and these were ordered added to the roll.

The library committee made a report of interest. One encouraging item of this report was to the effect that there are now 950 members of the library. The new plan of "rental collections" was also explained. By this plan two copies of very popular new books are purchased. One of these is put in the regular lists for general circulation. The other copy is held for those who are willing to pay 10 cents each for the privilege of reading the book. Their names are recorded in the order of their application and each is notified when the book can be secured. After sufficient persons have read the book, paying 10 cents each, for the fees to equal the price of the book it is then put in general circulation. The committee reported that the library is to be insured by the directors of the Y. M. C. A.

The educational committee made its report through the chairman, Mrs. T. C. Quicquel. She states that Mr. Estridge of the Cozy Theatre would give the educational committee 15 per cent of the proceeds of the moving picture to be shown on the afternoon and evening of November 16th. This picture will show scenes from Eastern North Carolina and should prove of special interest.

It was also announced that the first parent-teacher meeting would be held next Friday afternoon, and all parents were urged to be present.

It was voted to pay the annual dues to the State Federation at once. A letter was read from J. R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner, in regard to a campaign to be started from his office at Raleigh for the formation of "North Carolina Safety Leagues", for the protection of lives and property in the schools from possible fires.

Mrs. Quicquel for the school committee put in a request for a donation from the betterment for the benefit of the school library.

The floral fair committee reported that the proceeds of the floral fair were \$566.

The president stated that contributions to the floral fair were made in groceries by the following local firms: McLean Bros., Poole's, Albion Grocery Co., The Shuford Co.

The regular program then followed. Mrs. J. Y. Miller took the place of Mrs. H. M. Eddleman and read a carefully prepared paper on "The Origin and Object of the Red Cross Seal Campaign." This was followed by a thoughtful paper by Miss Mabel Potts on "Local Tuberculosis Conditions." Mrs. W. C. Barrett then read an interesting and instructive paper on "The Present War as a Factor in the Spread of Tuberculosis." Owing to illness Mrs. T. M. Brockman was unable to appear on the program as announced. Col. C. B. Armstrong was present and made one of his stirring and interesting speeches. He especially urged renewed activity in the sale of Red Cross Seals and pointed out the many benefits that had come from such campaigns in the past. At the conclusion of the program the meeting was adjourned.

## FRENCH HAVE WON BACK HARD-FOUGHT BATTLEFIELD.

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Nov. 5.—The forced retreat of the Germans from the Chemin Des Dames section places 40 square miles of territory that has been the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of the war in French possession. The French today consolidated their newly occupied positions.

### And She Never Saw It.

Mrs. Henpeck—"Is there any difference, Theodore, do you know, between a fort and a fortress?"

Mr. Henpeck—"I should imagine a fortress, my love, would be harder to silence."—Louisville Times.

### According to Geography.

Bix—"I see there's a report from Holland that concrete bases for German cannon have been found there."

Dix—"Don't you believe a word you hear from Holland. The geography says it is a low, lumpy country."—Puck.

men among the Serbian armies. A few days after her admittance into the hospital a royal aide-de-camp came to her bedside and, on behalf of the Prince Regent of Serbia, pinned to her breast, with much ceremonial, the gold and silver cross of Kara-George—a rare badge that is given only for conspicuous bravery on the field of battle.

## GERMAN CRUISER SENT DOWN

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Admiralty announces today that a German auxiliary cruiser and 10 German patrol boats have been sunk off Cattergat in the North Sea in Danish waters. There were no British losses. The German cruiser sunk is believed to have been one of the raiders which recently sunk two British destroyers and several Norwegian merchant ships.

## GERMANY CAN'T BE STARVED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Confidential reports to the Department of Commerce from the agents in Europe declare that the statements that Germany's food supply is nearly exhausted are exaggerated. The countries held by the Allies contiguous to German territory and the territory of the European neutrals are suffering more from lack of foodstuffs than Germany or other central powers.

Germany principally lacks lubricants and certain explosives. New reports indicate that the United States and the Allies must plan to win the war by purely military operation and abandon the hope of starving Germany out.

## 250,000 WANT BETTER WAGE

(By International News Service.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—Demands for better wages for 250,000 railroaders in the United States, including baggage-men, switchmen, yardmen, conductors, brakemen and other railroaders will be completed by noon tomorrow for presentation to the railroad officials, according to President Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The increase asked ranges from 25 per cent upwards.

## SOLDIERS GUARD OIL FIELDS

(By International News Service.)

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 3.—Sixteen hundred soldiers were sent to the oil fields of Texas and Louisiana where a strike has halted oil production. Pumping is being resumed today, under military guards. Nine thousand men are on strike, cutting off over a hundred thousand barrels of oil daily. All saloons in the oil districts are closed.

## RAIN HITS MEN IN THE TRENCHES

(By International News Service.)

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 3.—The second contingent of American troops to go into the trenches met a cold drizzling rain yesterday, which continued into the night, converting the section where they were operating into a slippery box. Clouds and mists caused startling artillery activity on both sides. The flyers were also in action.

## RUSSIA HOLDING HER OWN

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Official dispatches today from Petrograd convey to Secretary of State Lansing the announcement that Russia is not out of the war but will fight on. Indications are that, while the Russian army is not in a position to launch an offensive on a big scale, it is well prepared to meet any offensive by the Teutons. The Russian army will continue solid with nearly 150 enemy divisions facing it on the Eastern front. The cold will soon put an end to the fighting, giving the Russians an opportunity to re-organize and make the necessary preparations for a big Spring offensive.

## SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAIDS.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 5.—(Official.) Thrusting forward last night in a surprise attack the British captured 14 Germans, killed 100, and took 4 machine guns and two trench mortars. The British losses were light.

## SAFE-BLOWERS ROB BANK.

(By International News Service.)

CORINTH, Ky., Nov. 3.—Safe-blowers cracked the safe of the Farmer's Bank last night, and escaped with \$5,500 and \$1,000 worth of stamps.