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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

FISMES TAKEN BY THE ALLIES

A SUMMARY OF THE WORLD WAR—EVENTS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT HAVE TRANSPIRED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

The German retreat continues unabated, with the allies everywhere in hot pursuit.

Apparently the situation now has solved itself into a race for the Northern bank of the Aisne river by the Germans, who have been evicted from strategic positions along the Vesle river in the center of the line and directly East of Rheims which seemingly renders necessary that they put the Aisne between themselves and their pursuers as quickly as possible in order to escape further large losses of men made prisoner.

Just how large this bag of captives is at present cannot be reckoned, but unofficial advices from Paris assert that when the figures are made public they will thrill the allied world. General Pershing in his communique says the Americans alone have taken 8,400 prisoners, and, in addition, 23 guns.

After hard fighting the Americans and French have succeeded in taking from the Germans the important town of Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims, while to the East at a number of places along the Vesle river the French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy Northeastward. East of Soissons allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne to the Northern bank of that stream, where they are in a position to harass the enemy as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running Northward.

So fast has been the retreat of the Germans in the center that already some elements of their forces have succeeded in reaching the Northern bank of the Aisne and getting numbers of their big guns across with them. All through the salient towns are still ablaze behind the retreating Germans, and even corn-fields have been set afire in order to prevent the allied troops from garnering the ripened crop.

Just what bearing these new offensives will have on the fighting front to which the Germans ultimately retreat for a stand in the Aisne region cannot yet be forecast, but should the allied troops be able to press back the line for any material gains Eastward it is not improbable that it would dislocate the entire German line in the South.

The fighting along the Vesle river was of a sanguinary character as long as it lasted. A majority of the Germans were killed or made prisoner.

Southeast of Amlens on the old Montdidier sector, the Germans have fallen back across the Avre river over a wide front.

FRIDAY.

After a short period of relative calm on the Soissons-Rheims salient, the central and Western sections of the battle front again have been the scenes of mighty struggles.

On both sectors the allied forces have achieved notable gains of ground which, observed on the war maps, seemingly place the German armies in front of them in precarious positions.

In battles extending from the region immediately South of Soissons to the Northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois, and Southeast of the last named town, over the upper portion of the left branch of the "V" salient running ten miles Eastward from Nesles to Ville-en-Tardenois and with St. Gemme as its Southern base, American, French and British

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

W. N. Reynolds succeeds the late R. J. Reynolds as head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Secretary Baker expresses a desire that Congress make the draft law from 18 to 45, and this will probably be done immediately.

Heavy increases in the present war tax on tobacco and cigarettes were agreed to by the House ways and means committee as part of the new \$8,010,000,000 revenue bill.

The result of a recent canvass by the census bureau shows the stocks of leaf tobacco on hand as of July 1, 1918, exceeded by 220,300,000 pounds the stocks on hand on July 1, 1917. The aggregate stocks of leaf tobacco on July 1 were 1,386,049,368, consisting of 989,910,567 pounds of chewing, smoking, snuff and export types; 315,815,205 pounds of cigar types and 80,321,696 pounds of imported types of tobacco.

E. L. Travis of Halifax, N. C., former member of the Corporation Commission of this State, and two other men were arrested at a Washington hotel by Federal authorities charged with conspiring to obtain a contract illegally from the shipping board for a New Jersey company. Travis is alleged by the authorities to have entered into negotiations with the New Jersey concern whereby he was to receive \$100,000 if the contract was obtained.

"PLATTSBURGS" FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

To Be Held by National Security League Throughout Country During Coming Summer.

"Teachers' Plattsburgs," at which 800,000 public school teachers will be given practical training in patriotic education, will be held during the coming summer in practically every state in the Union by the National Security League. The scheme of this elaborate new division of the League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is conceived on the same basic idea along which the League has been working for some time, concentrating on the teachers of the youth of the land and thereby reaching the children through the teachers and the people through their children.

The objects of the League's campaign are two-fold—active combating of German propaganda and awakening a more responsible American citizenship.

At Summer Schools.

The Security League will conduct these "Teachers' Plattsburgs" through the medium of the summer schools for teachers that are held throughout the country every year. It has not yet been determined how many centers will be used. The matter is being taken up with all of the 700 summer schools of the country and probably between 50 and 75 of the training camps will be established, the schools selected being chosen after careful investigation as to attendance, breadth of influence and convenience of location.

The training camps will be conducted by leading educators whose co-operation will be enlisted by the League. The actual instruction will be under the direction of Dr. Robert M. McElroy, educational director of the League, and the members of the "National Patriotic Education Faculty" which he has organized. The League already has over 1,000 experienced patriotic speakers on its Speakers' Bureau list. A great many of these men and women will be detailed to the "Teachers' Plattsburgs" and their number will be augmented by volunteers from the principal colleges and universities of the country, whose academic duties have prevented them from taking active part in the patriotic education work outside their immediate field, but who will be free during the summer months.

War Spirit.

The teachers will be given a series of vital interpretations of the war by men and women who have given careful study to the situation. In addition to this instilling of the war spirit in the teachers, the training camps will also afford them practical instruction in the best methods of imparting to the youth of the land the two war principles on which the Security League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is based—the menace of Germany to America, and the necessity of individual service on the part of every man, woman and child in the country in order to prevent defeat.

A preliminary letter has been sent by Doctor McElroy to the directors of all the summer schools of the country.

SELECTMEN LEAVE FOR CAMP WADSWORTH

The forty-three white registrants who left Monday for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., were treated to lemonade in the C. & A. rooms by the ladies of the Reidsville Red Cross, just before they left to go to the station. Mr. Francis Womack, chairman of the local chapter, was present and made a brief and helpful talk to the boys concerning soldiers' insurance and the importance of making application for same when they get to camp. He also emphasized the necessity of their making an allotment to their dependents if they have any. Each selectman was given cigarettes.

The men were in charge of Chas. Wm. Vernon.

Those leaving were: John William Goad, Spray. Samuel Wesley Burton, Reidsville. James Ernest Pettus, Reidsville. Geo. Norman Saunders, Reidsville. Wm. J. Thornton, Stokesdale. Chas. Wm. Vernon, Reidsville. Wm. David Gatewood, Spray. Jno. H. Newnam, Madison. Ed Overby, Spray. Carl T. Lasley, Reidsville R4. Harry L. Willis, Norfolk, Va. Willie Sams., Gap, N. C. John P. McCollum, Madison R2. Jas. McKinney, McIver R1. Will B. Case, Mayodan. Wm. J. Clark, Jr., Reidsville R4. Charles Tucker, Madison. Jas. N. Southard, Stokesdale. Robt. L. Carter, Mayodan. Thos. P. Hand, Madison Rd. Ira C. Powell, Ruffin R3. Charlie Ward Barnes, Leaksville. Lee Willie Barker, Draper. Floyd Wm. Ewan, Ruffin R3. Henry L. Chumley, Draper. Wm. W. Collins, Mayodan. Earlie Gover, Spray. Clinton O. Light, Spray. Harvey S. Radford, Ridgeway R3. Bryan Brown, Reidsville. Robert Yates, Reidsville, R1. Jesse Davis Claybrook, Stoneville. Benj. Franklin Brame, Reidsville. Wm. Manton Oliver, Reidsville. Chas. Albert Smith, Reidsville. Kirby Volney Reid, Mayodan. Virgil Zeno Roberts, Stokesdale. John Mat Mitchell, Mayodan. Thos. Wyatt Hudson, Wentworth. John Harry Burgess, Leaksville. Route 2.

Carl Carter, Leaksville. Arch Satterfield, Stokesdale. Wm. Hobart Myers, Mayodan.

IS OLDEST ROOKIE IN THE SERVICE



Benjamin Rosenthal, the well-known fight promoter, and referee, gets into the one big fight that he didn't promote. Ben at the age of fifty-one has recently joined the navy. He will see some real fighting, too, for he's assigned to a submarine chaser.

Thackeray Always Late.

An external stimulus sometimes is necessary to bring a writer's ideas to a focus. It was the custom with Thackeray never to do today what could be put off until tomorrow. He was, therefore, frequently behind with his copy and it was no uncommon thing for him to keep the messenger from his publisher waiting at the door while he wrote the last pages of the book.

REIDSVILLE BOYS ARE IN THE THICK OF THE BIG BATTLE

Corporal Carl DeGrotte, with the Reidsville company in France, writing his sister says: "I am getting on just fine. You have heard the old saying, 'Join the Army and see the world', haven't you? Well, I think we are seeing it alright. We have been hiking for over two weeks now and still going! We sure are seeing this part of the world—just stopping long enough to eat and sleep. Every night we put up our little 'pup' tents, and it is some sight to see us. We are so tired when we stop at night that we sure do sleep good; but I never get too tired to dream of dear mother and daddy and sister back home. * The American boys are gaining now and I think the war will soon end. They are putting it to the Germans all right. believe me!"

"I went to the front line trenches about two weeks ago on a truck of supplies. I went mainly for curiosity, and I tell you, sister, the trenches are not as bad as some people think they are. Of course it is bad to get killed, but not as many get killed as reported, and life in the trenches is not as bad as you would think. I remember in one of the trenches in which they had driven the Germans from, there was about everything for comfort that you could name; one thing in particular, chairs. But of course it is bad to get killed. Just as we were coming out it was not quite so pleasant, as those large shells were bursting over us for some time, and we were more than glad to get back to our company which was then many miles back of the line in France."

In a later letter he states that his company had recently been in a number of engagements with the enemy, but sustained no casualties.

SUPPLY ALLEN WILL MEET THE COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN

County Supt. J. H. Allen will meet with the committeemen for the election of teachers at the following named places and dates. Committeemen are urged to be present on time and bring all applications with them.

Huntsville Township, August 6, at Rocky Spring School, 4 p. m. Leaksville Township, August 7th, Mayor's office, Leaksville, 4 p. m. Price Township, August 7, Price's Store, 1 p. m. Madison Township, August 8th, Mayor's office, Madison, 4 p. m. Mayo Township, Aug. 9, Mayor's office, Stoneville, 4 p. m. New Bethel Township, August 12, Bethany High School, 4 p. m. Ruffin Township, August 12, Oregon, at 4 p. m. Reidsville Township, August 14th, Franklin Street Graded School, at 3 p. m. Simpsonville Township, Aug. 15. Wentworth, August 16th, Court House, 1 p. m. Williamsburg Township, Aug. 16, Thompsonville School, 4 p. m.

REIDSVILLIANS ENTERTAINED A BATTALION OF AVIATORS

Red Cross workers and citizens generally put forth their best efforts to entertain the 608th United States Aerial Supply corps, five hundred men, when they passed here Thursday afternoon. Secretary Smith of the C. & A. Association, learned that the men would be through here on 100 motor trucks, and he completed arrangements for a whole-hearted welcome and courtesies that could be proffered during their short stay. These included the serving of sandwiches, ice water, lemonade, smoking tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, etc. The men made a fine impression on the hundreds who turned out to pay them tribute. The corps was in command of Major Henry Weeks, a West Point graduate, and at one time an athletic star of Harvard. The men are not flying men, but attend to the ground work in connection with this all important branch of the service. They started some weeks ago from Waco, Texas, and stopped over at Charlotte for some little time.

Quick Action.

Quick action has become the byword of commerce. Fortunes have been made and lost and remade in the time the undecided person wavers in his or her decision. But quick decision must not be confounded with jumping impulsively to conclusions. This extreme, which admits of little or no thought at all, is always as bad as the other.

Train your mind to act quickly. Plunge forward or draw backward, but don't stand flatteringly in the middle, for you stand in danger of being laid low by indecision.

FACTS ABOUT FOLKS OF OLD ROCKINGHAM

UNIVERSITY STUDENT TELLS OF CONDITIONS HERE—SMALL FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION—THE COUNTY'S RANK IN OTHER THINGS.

(By E. F. Duncan, Mayodan, N. C. in University Economic Survey.)

Our facts about the folks in Rockingham County are based on the table at the end of the chapter. These came mainly from the last Federal Census. They are true for the dates given, not for the year 1917. Only once every ten years does any county in the United States have a chance to take stock of itself. However, the facts we give are suggestive. They show us certain drifts and tendencies in our county, and enable us to compare Rockingham with other counties of the State.

Density of Population. In 1910 the total population of the county was 13,442. Although Rockingham ranks twenty-ninth in size, only nine counties in the State have settled farm population, which is a lion was 54.6 people per square mile. Only ten counties in the State had more. This means, of course, small farmers and a closely settled farm population, which is a distinct social advantage. Rural people like to have neighbors fairly near by. Often they become dissatisfied and move into town simply to mingle with folks. But our density of rural population also means that Rockingham is located in the great industrial area of North Carolina. Industries depend on an abundant labor supply in the surrounding territory, and this we have in Rockingham, just as in Forsyth, Durham, and Gaston.

This desire for association, together with other factors, has caused our city and town population to increase at the expense of the rural communities of Rockingham and the adjoining counties, but so far it has not alarmingly decreased our rural population. In spite of the low prices of farm products during the first ten years of the new century and the call of the cities for industrial workers, our rural population increased 5.7 per cent, and it was mainly a white increase. This means that our farmers, the producers of bread and meat for our town populations, are fairly well holding their own in numbers if not in prosperity. Since 1910 the proportion of our rural population has fallen from four-fifths to two-thirds of our total population, while our town dwellers have increased from 7,500 to 20,000 or more.

Law and Order.

Usually when the countryman moves to town he takes with him his love for elbow-room, his independent, democratic spirit. He has had no one to dictate to him about what time he shall go to work, when he may stop, how much he may talk and laugh, how loud he may yell, where his pig-pen shall or shall not be, on which side of the street he may tie his horse, and how long he may leave him. In short, he has had his own boss. When he gets to town, town customs and ordinances are all new to him. It takes time for him to become socially adjusted, and it is during this time that most of our fights and homicides occur. Misunderstandings often become shotgun affairs. Here, in brief, is an explanation of our homicide rates in Rockingham and the rest of the State. They are too high, but they are due to the rapid growth of our small towns and cities.

Rockingham County Patriotism.

Perhaps no county in the State has worked with a greater spirit of patriotism than Rockingham for our country and our allies in the present crisis. She has been one of the foremost counties of the State to sacrifice her sons and to give her dollars for the cause of liberty and humanity. Company G was among the first to reach war strength by the addition of volunteers. Rockingham has over-subscribed her share of the three Liberty Loan issues, and she contributed freely to the Red Cross and the Army Y. M. C. A. funds. These war loans and gifts were not made by wealthy men alone, but by preachers, teachers, students, school children, factory employees, farmers, and business men alike. Besides all this, last November found many housewives, white and colored, pledging them-

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COMING AND GOING OF THE PASSING THROUGH

Mr. T. Jeff Penn of Buffalo is in the city.

Mrs. J. H. Mobley and son have returned from Vade Mecum.

Mr. A. L. Butler of Winston spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mrs. Lucy Wray of Winston-Salem is a guest of relatives here.

Mr. P. F. Gallher has returned after a short stay in East Tennessee.

Miss Henrietta Hairston has gone to Washington to accept a position.

Mr. Gerald Donovan of Georgia has been spending a few days here.

Mrs. W. D. Rowe of Danville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. N. Heater.

Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. T. F. Rankin are spending some time in Wilmington.

Mrs. Cornie Irvin is in New York selecting goods for "The Woman's Store."

Mr. John Wyatt Walker left yesterday for a visit to his son in North Dakota.

Mrs. W. M. Hendren of Winston-Salem spent the past few days here with relatives.

Dr. L. T. Smith and family are spending a few days in Baltimore with relatives.

Mrs. A. G. Smith has returned home after a week's visit to relatives in High Point.

Miss Mamie Brown, who has been visiting Mrs. H. E. Link, has returned to Hillsboro.

Mrs. F. T. Preddy and daughter have returned to Memphis after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sands have been spending some time in Chatham, Va., with relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Denny and daughter Virginia have returned to Greensboro after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson Mills of Seneca, S. C., have been spending a few days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balsley have returned from an extended visit to the latter's people at Westminster, Md.

Mrs. A. D. Milner has returned from Atlanta where she spent the past several months engaged in Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Thompson and son are at Vade Mecum for a few days' stay.

Miss Mary H. Johnston of Leaksville, who has been spending the summer in Richmond, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. S. M. Gibbs, near Reidsville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell have returned to their home in Philadelphia after a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barber, on North Scales street.

Messrs. Murray Williams, formerly of Reidsville but now of Danville, and Sol Goldstein of Bellevue Medical College of New York city, were here on business Friday.

Mrs. J. A. Roach and Mrs. W. D. Rowe of Danville and Mrs. J. N. Heater and children of Reidsville spent the day with Mrs. O. P. Moffitt at High Point Sunday.

Miss Frances Scales of Washington stopped over a day here Friday on route to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Parish, in Winston-Salem, who has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lomax have returned from Detroit where they went to bring a new Dodge car home. They made the trip from Detroit to Reidsville in four days and enjoyed the outing immensely.

Mrs. Robt. L. Parrish, who is visiting Mrs. T. L. Gardner, has received a card from her husband, Sergeant Robt. L. Parrish, Co. L, 49th infantry, notifying her of his safe arrival overseas.

Rev. Theodore Stroup is in Philadelphia where he will spend a few weeks. During his absence his pulpit at the Episcopal church will be supplied by Secretary Addison of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A.

The First Envelope.

The first envelope of which there is any knowledge inclosed a letter sent in 1606 by Sir William Turnbull to Sir James Ogilvie. The epistle, with its covering, is still preserved in the British museum. At that period, and long afterward, it was the general custom to fold letters and seal them with wax. Early in the last century envelopes began to come into more general use, and stamped envelopes achieved wide popularity in England shortly after the establishment of the penny post in 1840. By 1850 they were largely used on this side of the Atlantic.

The casualty list Saturday included nine North Carolina soldiers.