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ARMIES OF ENTENTE CONTINUE ADVANCE

Teutonic Allies in Macedonia and Turkey Still in Flight.

ALLENBY INCREASES BAG OF PRISONERS

Now Has Forty Thousand Men and Two Hundred and Sixty-five Guns in Hand.

The Teutonic allied forces in Macedonia and Turkey still are in flight before the armies of the entente, while on the highly important St. Quentin sector in France the British and French armies after hard fighting have drawn more closely their lines in the investment of the town on the northwest, west and south. The stubborn resistance of the Germans, in defense and in counterattacks, has been unavailing except to impede the progress of the men of the armies of Field Marshal Haig and General Debeney.

In Macedonia, the Bulgarian and German troops are still faced with disaster; in Palestine the remaining Turks seem to have scarcely a chance for an escape from the British forces and friendly tribesmen who are closing in upon them east of the river Jordan. More than 40,000 prisoners and 265 guns have been taken by the British and yet General Allenby's appetite for further emoluments for his hard campaign has not been satiated.

Gauged by the swiftness of the strokes Allenby is delivering it is his purpose absolutely to overwhelm the Ottomans. And the fulfillment of his plans seems appreciably nearer.

Critical in Macedonia.

In no less critical situation are the Germans and Bulgarians in the Macedonia theater. Here, except immediately on the Bulgarian frontier where the mountainous country gives them ground for strong resistance to the invasion of Bulgarian territory through the passes the Bulgarians and Germans everywhere are in rapid retreat between the Italians, Serbians, Greeks and British. Rent in twain at several points the enemy forces are bewildered and operating as separate units.

Rear guards of the enemy, armed with machine guns, are but little delaying the men whose task it is to reclaim their kingdom.

As yet there is no news of great activity in Albania, but a resumption of operations there in conjunction with these in the east apparently can not long be delayed.

Mr. R. Glenn Kay spent Wednesday in Anderson on business.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The Government requires that all unpaid subscriptions be discontinued on Oct. 1.

Newspapers have no option in this matter. They cannot extend credit after Oct. 1, no matter how willing they might be to do so, or how great their confidence in the subscriber's ability and readiness to pay.

The Press and Banner would urge any of its subscribers who may be in arrears to give this matter their attention immediately. Those who wait until the last day are almost sure to have their service interrupted, since any paper must be stopped on October 1, payment for which has not been received and credited before that date.

County Behind With Its Pledges

HAS FALLEN SHORT OF W. S. S. PLEDGES TO EXTENT OF \$26,514.00.

Charleston.—Figures now completed at the office of the South Carolina War Savings committee show that Abbeville county, up to Sept. 1, has fallen behind in its War Savings pledges to the extent of \$26,514.00. With figures for 34 counties completed, the entire state has purchased \$114,272 worth of War Savings Stamps in excess of the pledges made in June, and it can thus be seen that Abbeville county is not up with the balance of the state in making its War Savings pledges good.

The record for Abbeville county shows that of the June campaign quota of \$280,000 worth of W. S. S. \$250,959 worth was pledged, which was 89.6 per cent of the quota. Of a white population of 10,500, 5,347 or 50.9 per cent pledged themselves to purchase W. S. S.; and of a colored population of 17,500, 129, or .07 per cent pledges themselves. The average white pledge was \$45.93 and the average colored pledge, \$13.79. The per capita pledge for the county was \$8.96, against the maximum quota of \$20.00.

It can thus be seen that while Abbeville made a fair showing in the pledge campaign, it is one of the few counties of the state which are failing to redeem the pledges, and the War Savings committee calls this to the attention of the Abbeville public in the hope that those who forgot or neglected their pledges will redeem them at once.

DEATH OF A. F. CALVERT.

A. Foster Calvert, a prominent citizen of the Long Cane section of the County, died at his home on Tuesday of last week, Sept. 17th. Mr. Calvert had been in declining health for about two years, but he recovered sufficiently from his earlier attacks to take an interest in business and in the affairs of his neighbors and of his country.

Mr. Calvert was one of the leading men of his section of the county. He always took an interest in public matters, and was prominently connected with the organization of the Democratic Party. For a great number of years he was Magistrate for Long Cane township. He performed the duties of the office with ability and fidelity to the public. In early life he connected himself with the Greenville Presbyterian church and he was a consistent member of that denomination until his death. He was a man of large heart, a neighborly man, and his home was one of the most hospitable in the county.

Many years ago he married Miss Susan Nickles, also of this county. She with three sons, Jesse L. Calvert, a merchant residing in Union County, Dr. G. E. Calvert, of this city, also Alya Calvert, of this county; two daughters, Mrs. David Nickles and Mrs. Calvin Coleman, survive him.

The funeral services were at the residence on Wednesday, and were conducted by Rev. H. D. Corbett, assisted by Rev. M. R. Plaxco, and the Presbyterian minister from Hodges. The interment was at Long Cane cemetery.

THE COMMUNITY SINGING.

The Community Singing at the Court House last Tuesday was a success in every way. A large crowd gathered, occupying the portico of the Court House and sitting in cars and on the grass in front of the building. Many people joined in the singing which was led by W. E. Hill, Miss Elizabeth Edmunds and Mrs. Otto Bristow.

Many familiar tunes and patriotic airs were sung, and the gathering was enjoyed by all present.

DEBENEY'S MEN GAINING GROUND

Germans Fail to Shed "Last Drop of Blood"

FRENCH CHANGE STYLE

Shift of Tactics Puzzles Huns Who Are Forced to Submit to Capture.

With the French Army in France, Sept. 25.—General Debeney's troops in their latest advance towards St. Quentin took a position at Dallon which the Two Hundred and Twenty-First German Division had been ordered to "hold to the last drop of blood."

The German officers and more than 500 men were prevented from making the supreme sacrifice demanded of them. They fought well under the protection of a curtain of fire from their artillery posted around St. Quentin, but the French troops were on them in successive waves so quickly that they could not carry out the order of their commanding general, von La Chevallerie, by committing suicide. The alternative of captivity appeared acceptable to most of them.

The Germans suffered there from lack of appreciation of the resourcefulness and suppleness of the French tactics. General Debeney's men having approached the position to within proper distance for an assault, abandoned the method of infiltration which had characterized the operation around St. Quentin and made a resolute frontal attack which the nature of the obstacle necessitated.

In the first bound they took the central point of resistance at Francilly-Selency and the cross roads 500 yards to the east.

Keeping close up with the creeping barrage which their artillery maintained with splendid precision, the attacking waves went on sweeping the eastern edge of Savy wood clear of the enemy, passing through and beyond Marjorin wood and taking the village of L'Epine de Dallon by assault.

Meanwhile German reinforcements coming up through the ravines from the region of St. Quentin were caught under the fire of the French guns.

This made precarious the German hold on Hill 138. This is the highest point in the positions along the ridges from Holnon to Dallon which the enemy has been fortifying with feverish haste. Its fall, while it might not mean the fall of St. Quentin, would greatly weaken the defense of the city.

The troops that took Dallon by assault were the same troops who distinguished themselves in the fighting at La Panneterie along the Canal du Nord and took Beuvraignes three times during the campaign that freed the Montdidier pocket and drove the Germans to the Hindenburg line. They have changed their tactics in fighting in the bush, in marshes and in the open air with the same success and with an endurance that is emphasized by the number of fresh German divisions they have met since the battles at Beuvraignes.

MR. BOTTS IMPROVES.

Mr. Thos. H. Botts, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis on Tuesday of last week, was in the city on yesterday, considerably improved. He is still weak, however. He called at this office to pay his subscription in advance as many other good citizens are doing.

Mr. Botts was for a number of years a policeman in this city and in that capacity he discharged his duties faithfully and fearlessly. His friends were sorry when he gave up his position on account of his health.

Miss Fuller, of McCormick, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Hilton. She is always an attractive visitor.

GRIP OF DISEASE BEING EXTENDED

Many New Cases of Spanish Influenza.

IN TWENTY-SIX STATES

Appears on Pacific Coast in California and Washington But Not Epidemic There.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Spanish influenza has spread over the country so rapidly that officials of the public health service, the war and navy departments and the Red Cross conferred today on measures to help local communities in combating the disease. Calls for assistance already have been received from several cities and in one instance, Wilmington, N. C., the public health service hospital was opened for treatment of persons suffering with the disease.

Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the public health service said tonight that latest reports showed that the malady has made its appearance in 26 States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The disease is epidemic in New England, where it first appeared and officials in that section are considering drastic steps to curb its spread, including the prevention of public gatherings.

LIEUT. WILLIAM LEGARE.

William Legare has just finished his training at Plattsburg and though below age, has been commissioned a second lieutenant. He is the only son of the late Congressman George S. Legare of Charleston, who is well remembered around Abbeville by the older generation who will be glad to know of his son's success.

G. R. TOLBERT LOSES HOME.

The residence of G. R. Tolbert, on his farm eight miles from Abbeville, on the Greenwood road, was totally destroyed by fire on yesterday morning, at 6:30, the origin of the fire being unknown, but probably accidental. The furniture in the home was a complete loss, but most of the clothing and bedding in the house and the lighter articles were saved. It was stated by neighbors that Mr. Tolbert had his home insured, but this could not be verified.

THE SWOPE BOYS.

Leslie M. Swope, accompanied by his younger brother, Paul, left on last Monday night for their new home in Richmond. The young ladies about town and some of the older people will miss them greatly.

During the summer months, Leslie has been the news writer for The Press and Banner, which accounts for the fact that its columns have been unusually attractive as well as full of news. Though new to the work, he handled the business of news getting as well as the books of the office with the skill of a trained person. We shall all miss him greatly, none more than the editor whom he relieved of a great deal of the work connected with the paper which otherwise would have been a heavy burden.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS.

News was received in Abbeville Thursday of the death of Mr. Sam Thomas at his home in Denver, Col., of heart failure. Mr. Thomas was well known in Abbeville, being the husband of Miss Annie Hill, daughter of the late Judge R. E. Hill, and they have a wide circle of friends and relatives who regret his untimely death.

Mr. Thomas was in Abbeville when Judge Hill died and seemed in excellent health and friends here are shocked at the news. He is survived by his wife and one son, a young soldier at Camp Gordon.

Committee Met Tuesday Afternoon

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COMMITTEES FOR 4TH LIBERTY LOAN HOLD JOINT MEETING.

Tuesday afternoon, at 6.30 o'clock the Men's Committee and the Woman's Committee for the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive met in joint session in the city council chamber. Chairman Barnwell called the meeting to order and stated why the meeting was called. Mrs. Coleman, chairman of the Woman's Committee, explained how the women would assist the men. A complete census of the town by wards, the cotton mill and the business section has been taken and during the drive each person will be visited and asked to buy one or as many bonds as they are able to buy. Both committees are working together in perfect harmony.

Mr. H. B. Wilson has been appointed as City Chairman for the Men's Committee and Mrs. W. A. Harris for the Woman's Committee. They, in turn, have appointed their ward canvassers and a meeting was arranged for last night. Just before the meeting a photograph was taken of those present which will be put in the Record Scrap Book.

The pupils of the Graded and High Schools have volunteered their services to assist in the Liberty Loan Drive. Yesterday afternoon eight members of the Volunteer Service distributed hand bills for the Woman's Committee.

The D. A. R. of this city as a unit, has offered its services to the Woman's Committee to assist in the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive. In the big pageant that will be held here on Liberty Day, October 12th, which is the anniversary of the Discovery of America, the D. A. R.'s will represent the spirit of 1776.

COMMUNITY SINGINGS.

To arouse interest and to get on a more Community-Spirit footing, the Woman's Committee for the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive has arranged to have a song service in front of the court house every night at 8:30. Everyone is invited to come and bring their voices with them, for everyone will want to sing. Tuesday evening was the opening night and a large crowd, well mixed with men and women, were present. Songs familiar to everyone were sung, such as "America," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Swanee River," "It's a Long, Long Trail," "The Old Gray Mare," "Juanita," and others, ending with "The Star Spangled Banner."

Next week at the conclusion of the singing some good speakers will hold forth for five minutes each night. Let us all be present and sing for the boys "over there." The only drunk that is not prohibited is to be thoroughly intoxicated with Liberty Loan Enthusiasm, so let's all join in the singing.

CHANGING POSITIONS.

With the coming of the Fall season there are always changes in the different clerks around town.

Mr. R. C. Wilson is no longer with Barksdale, but can be found at the Peoples Bank.

Jim Bradley, who has been burning 'em up along the public highways in one of Barksdale's trucks, will walk in the future as call boy at the Seaboard.

Mrs. Cliff King is with the Haddon-Wilson Co., in the millinery department and will be glad to have her friends call on her there.

Mrs. Mattie Bowen is serving the many pleased people who go in and out at Cochran's every day.

Link Evans has been with Parker and Reese since the war fever took Cliff King.

DATE FOR DRAWING COMES NEXT WEEK

National Lottery For Numbers—Search For Errors.

MEN BETWEEN 19 AND 36
FIRST TO BE CALLED

Delay Necessary Until Local Boards Can Correct Serial Assignments for Registrants.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The national lottery which, in a measure, will determine the order of the calling of the 13,000,000 men between 18 and 45 years of age who registered September 12, probably will not be held before next week. Officials had hoped to fix a date late this week, but this plan is understood to have been abandoned in order that additional time may be given local boards to correct any errors made in assigning serial numbers to the registrants.

Since men between 19 and 36 are to be the first called to the colors, the drawing will have less effect upon determining the order of the call than did that for the nearly 100,000,000 men who turned 21 before last June 5.

Order numbers for all the 13,000,000 men will be drawn, but youths of 18 and men between 36 and 45 will not be classified until the boards have given classification to all the men between 19 and 36 who are the first to receive their questionnaires.

In the meantime many of the 19-36 classes will have been inducted into service.

Reports received by Provost Marshal General Crowder from nearly all States indicated that satisfactory progress is being made by local boards in attaching serial numbers to the registration cards, but in one or two instances mistakes by local boards have made it necessary the renumbering of the cards for all registrants under their jurisdiction. No date for the drawing can be fixed until this work is completed.

Only five States have now to report the totals of the registration. Unless their returns show sharp decreases under the official estimate, the total registration will exceed the original estimate of 12,778,000.

Distribution of a manual for the guidance of legal advisory boards throughout the country in assisting registrants to fill out their questionnaires was begun today by the office of the provost marshal general.

Attendance of at least one member of the advisory board during all sittings of the local board was urged.

The obligation resting upon the registrants to see that they received their questionnaires in time to make returns within the specified seven days is emphasized in the manual, which points out that the registrant can guard against delay by consulting the daily record of questionnaires mailed out at the office of the local board.

In conclusion the manual says that not only those on the legal advisory boards but "all lawyers should deem it a privilege and a patriotic duty to stand ready and willing to advise registrants without compensation."

TOO LIVELY FOR TWO OLD TIMERS

At the Community Singing last Tuesday night Sheriff Burts and Dr. Thomson held out nogly as long as the singing was confined to "Swanee River," "Old Black Joe," "Juanita," and such tunes, but as soon as it shifted to a "Bamboo Bungalow," and "Good bye Broadway, Hello France," their fine voices were silenced, Dr. Thomson remarking that such singing was a generation or two ahead of him.