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NEWS NUBS FOR HASTY READING

The European War.

According to reports from the front, the Germans are fortifying a line of defense from Antwerp, in Belgium, on the north to Metz, Germany, on the south. This is called the "arsenal line." If the Huns are driven back upon this defensive line they will abandon practically all of Northern France and half of Belgium.

Friday of last week the American forces under Gen. Pershing wiped out the St. Mihiel salient, and captured 13,000 prisoners, also sixty heavy field guns. This forced the Huns back to the Hindenburg line in that sector, which is about ten miles from the German frontier. It also secures to the Allies the control of the railroad from Verdun, Toul and Nancy.

The offensive movement by the Allies was continued last Saturday and the Germans were pushed back about two miles, and beyond the bend in which is situated the important town of Laon. Seven thousand prisoners were taken, making 20,000 during the two days' attack around the St. Mihiel salient.

It was reported Monday that the Huns were withdrawing along the whole thirty-three mile front between Aubeauert and the Moselle River, in an effort to improve their protection of communications in the vicinity of Metz. Our patrols now control the area between the American lines and the Hindenburg reserve defenses. The Germans are digging in far to the rear, rather than attempt to dispute the American gains.

A dispatch dated Tuesday says: "Reports brought in by aviators as well as information received from prisoners and verified by photographs, show the Germans are strengthening their trenches along the Hindenburg line, but there is nothing to show they are reinforcing their lines to a degree that might indicate a strong counter movement."

"The gradual progress of the American lines at the right and left extremities of the old St. Mihiel salient continues as the Germans fall back toward the defenses of Metz, one of the most strongly fortified cities in Eastern Germany."

Yesterday the British penetrated the German defense lines on a front of three miles northwest of St. Quentin, and captured 6,000 prisoners. The advance was on a front of twenty-two miles, virtually surrounding the city. This foreshadows the fall of St. Quentin within a few days.

Three Hun balloons were destroyed yesterday by L. F. Luke, Jr., of Phoenix, Ariz. The flight was far over the enemy lines. This makes his ninth balloon within three days.

The Allies have defeated the Huns in every engagement during the week, capturing about 20,000 prisoners. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Allies made a sweeping forward movement, evidently a turning maneuver, on St. Quentin, which will no doubt result in the fall of that German stronghold on the Hindenburg line. This line has been shattered in several places, and the Huns are gradually falling back to a new position within their own territory.

Thomas Burns was arrested in Chicago Tuesday, and in his possession were found 150 draft registration cards, which he had evidently forged for the purpose of selling.

The Austrian-Hungarian Government, according to the dispatches last Saturday, invited all belligerent governments to an informal meeting, with a view to bringing about peace.

Robert Fay, a convicted German spy who escaped from the Atlanta Federal prison two years ago, was recently captured in Spain, and has been brought back to New York and placed in jail.

Federal officers at Jacksonville, Fla., have discovered secret methods by which German spies send messages to submarines off the American coast, and two men were arrested. No further particulars were given out.

Beginning with to-day, the 19th, all cotton gins in Mississippi will suspend operations for ten days, in accordance with an order from the State Food Administrator. The object is to relieve the congestion of cotton seed in the warehouses.

The first meeting of the Eighteenth District War Industries Board was held at Galveston, Texas, yesterday. This district is composed of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. The duties of this board are to classify essential and nonessential industries, establish plants for government work, etc.

Several Austrians were arrested in Detroit, Mich., last Saturday, charged with plotting against the United States. Documents were found showing that they had planned for the enrollment of 20,000 Russians for the Bolshevik army in Russia, also urging the Russians not to enter the U. S. Army, and to sell their government bonds.

It is stated in diplomatic circles that Germany may try another peace move, through Austria, by asking for a conference in which the discussions shall be limited to the principles laid down by the Washington Administration. But, before any such conference will be consented to by the Allies, the Germans must abandon all the territory they now hold in France, Belgium, Italy, Russia and Serbia. Also, Ger-

many must relinquish control over Austria-Lungary.

Wanda Kreutinger, a telegraph operator in New York city, was arrested Tuesday as a German spy. She was detected in the act of sending a message to a German spy at Bridgeport, Conn. She admitted the crime, stating that for four years she had been working in the interests of Germany by betraying the secrets of the telegraph office to Hun agents in this country.

Five negro soldiers, convicted by court-martial of being connected with the riot in Houston, Texas, last year, were hanged in San Antonio Tuesday morning at daylight. It was a military execution, and no civilians were permitted to witness it. Ten other negroes connected with the riot who had been sentenced to life imprisonment, were forwarded to the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Shreveport.

Sam Fulco was convicted in Shreveport last Friday of violating the malt liquor laws, and fined \$500. In default of payment he must serve six months on the parish farm.

The Police Jury of Caddo Parish appropriated \$250 for the use of the Confederate veterans of that parish who may attend the reunion to be held at Tulsa, Okla., on the 24th to 27th of this month.

L. C. Johnson, a get-rich-quick swindler, passed several fraudulent checks in Shreveport, stole an automobile, and lastly fled. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and telegrams were sent out to the officials to look out for him.

In a raid in Shreveport last Saturday Chief of Police Gray arrested twenty loafers. Chief Gray reported as having said: "All the men and women in the world should be engaged in some kind of useful occupation, and those who are not should be in jail."

Floyd Johnson, aged sixteen years; Willie Singleton, aged fifteen years, and Bud Davis, aged sixteen years, charged with stealing bicycles in Shreveport, were arrested in Marshall, Texas, last Friday. Floyd Johnson was brought back and placed in jail, but the other two escaped after being arrested.

A transient sailing under the name of L. Dunn was arrested in Shreveport Monday, charged with having stolen \$580 from Mrs. M. M. Stewart, at Dallas, Tex. The police found \$430 of the money in his possession. He was taken back to Dallas in an automobile which he claimed to be his own.

Mr. E. K. Smith, President of the Commercial National Bank of Shreveport, left Tuesday to attend the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, to be held in Chicago. Mr. A. T. Kahn, Vice-president of the bank, accompanied Mr. Smith. These officials will take part in the financial discussions of the association. Mr. Smith being a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

Louisiana.

Hon. Jared Y. Sanders, former Governor of the state, was re-elected to Congress from the Sixth District by an overwhelming majority.

Floyd George, of Glenora, was found dead near Alexandria Tuesday. His skull had been crushed and his pockets rifled. There was no clew to the assassin.

John R. Parrott, aged seventy-nine years, died Tuesday at his home in Zwolle. He was a Confederate veteran and was wounded April 9, 1864, at the battle of Mansfield.

Adjutant General McCrory has received a telegram from Provost Marshal General Crowder notifying him to instruct local draft boards to begin mailing questionnaires on the 18th (yesterday).

The Council of Defense of Rapides Parish has adopted a resolution requiring all skilled and unskilled laborers, white and black, male and female, within that parish to register on the 25th. This includes those between the ages of seventeen and fifty-five years.

At a conference in New Orleans Monday ex-Governor Hall withdrew from the race for the nomination as United States Senator. This leaves Hon. E. J. Gay, of Itherville, as the nominee. He will take his seat during November, immediately after the election. His term of office will expire March 4, 1921.

Washington, D. C.

It has been announced that it is planned to hold the drawing for the draft on October 2d.

The President and Cabinet have considered the latest so-called peace proposals of Germany and Austria, and within thirty minutes rejected the document, stating that the United States some time ago defined its position, and from that time on has no intention to recede.

A dispatch dated Monday states that 29,916 negro registrants are wanted for general military duty, to be entrained between the 25th and 27th. Louisiana's quota is 3,200. Also, that 181,838 men are wanted for entrainment before October 15th. Of these 142,000 will be whites. Louisiana's quota is—whites, 1460; colored, 259.

Questionnaires Mailed 19 and 36-Year Men

Provost Marshal General Crowder has issued an order to all local draft boards to begin mailing questionnaires

on Wednesday, the 18th, to all registrants between the ages of nineteen and thirty-six years who registered last Thursday. British and Canadian subjects are excepted, and these have thirty days in which to volunteer in the British and Canadian armies. The order continues:

"Ten per cent of the questionnaires are to be mailed by each board each day until the entire group has been sent out. Each registrant is given seven days to fill out and return the document.

"It is, however, the earnest hope that the registrants will not require as much time as this, and that every effort will be made to turn the questionnaires in, properly answered, as promptly as possible. Under the maximum time allowed by local boards, in mailing out the forms, and registrants in filling them out and returning them, the questionnaires for the entire group should be back in the hands of local boards within three weeks."

Approximately 6,000,000 are in nineteen and thirty-six year classes, to whom questionnaires go. There are also some 40,000 additional men between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age who were added to the draft rolls Thursday, registered for the first time, and these will also be classified. The date for the drawing that will, in a measure, determine the order of the calling of the men into service will be announced soon, it is said.

Corporal Kills Sixteen Huns.

Great Britain bestows the Victoria Cross to soldiers who have shown special acts of bravery in battle. During the present war 522 awards have been made. In each case the soldier is cited in general orders, and the nature of his heroic deed is given. Last week Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Axford, an Australian, was cited in general orders, in a report of a battle, as follows:

"When the barrage lifted and the infantry advance began, Lance Corporal Axford's platoon was able to reach the first enemy defenses through gaps which had been cut in the wire. The adjoining platoon being delayed by uncut wire, enemy machine guns got into action and inflicted many casualties, including the company commander.

"Lance Corporal Axford, with great initiative and magnificent courage, at once dashed to the flank, threw his bombs amongst the machine gun crew, jumped into the trench and charged with his bayonet. Unaided, he killed sixteen of the enemy and threw the machine guns over the parapet, and called out to the delayed platoon to come on. He then returned and fought through the battle."

Red Cross Election.

A circular letter from the Gulf Division of the Red Cross Society says: "About half a million members of the American Red Cross in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama chapters of the Gulf Division will stage an election of their own the last Wednesday in October."

"Every chapter in the three states is to hold an election. A chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary, chairman of the executive committee, the standing committee, and all the rest of the officers are to be chosen.

"Members of the Red Cross do the voting. The Bureau of Development of the Gulf Division, of which Mrs. C. H. Moberly is director, now is arranging to send out formal instructions to the chapters on the election procedure."

Germany Tired of the War.

A dispatch appearing in the dailies dated Tuesday says: "One hundred and eight German infantry battalions, equivalent to twenty divisions, have been disbanded. It is learned, in order to fill the gaps made by the past year's fighting. Women and boys are being called to the auxiliary service to replace men. Five thousand women have already been mobilized for this purpose, and boys of fourteen are being utilized.

"Captured officers say that Germany is very tired of the war, and no longer hopes to do more than to keep what is its own."

September and October Calls.

A recent dispatch from Baton Rouge says: "Adjutant General McCrory has received September and October calls for 3000 men. The largest call is for 2000, who are to be sent to Camp Beauregard September 25th to 27th. The other calls are for twenty stenographers and typists to go to Jackson Barracks, New Orleans; 640 negroes to Camp Shelby, Ohio, September 25th to 27th; to Camp Grant, Ills., 540 negroes, September 25th to 27th and October 10th to 18th. Also, the state is to send 250 negroes to Camp Travis, Texas."

Watkins Declared Nominated.

The Democratic Executive Committee for this, the Fourth Congressional District, met in Shreveport Tuesday. It was found that the vote of Prechet No. 7 in Caddo Parish and three boxes in Red River Parish were missing, but with these not counted, Judge J. T. Watkins, candidate for the nomination to Congress, still had a majority of 308 votes. He was declared the nominee of the party. Messrs. J. F. Edwards and E. S. Dortch, members of the committee from Bossier Parish, were in attendance.

Fatal Railroad Wreck.

Twenty-five soldiers were killed and about fifty more were injured Tuesday night in a railroad collision near Marshfield, Mo. No particulars were given out by the railroad officials, nor would they state the cause of the accident. It is believed, however, that it was owing to a misunderstanding of orders given to the train men.

Partial List of September 12th Registrants

Appearing below is a partial list of residents of Bossier Parish between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years who registered on the 12th. The letter W after a name indicates "white" and the letter C indicates "colored." A figure, after the postoffice shows the number of the rural route on which the registrant lives. The names of the registrants will be published by installment each week until the entire list has been given.

The names are given in their numerical order (as furnished the Banner from the office of the Local Draft Board) and the first appearing below is No. 1, the next No. 2, and so on. For the number of the registrant last shown in this issue, see the footnote at the close—on page four.

- Robert F. Oglesby (w), Rocky Mount.
- Isaac Thomas (c), Rocky Mount.
- Richard Dixon (c), Rocky Mount.
- James McLaughlin (c), Cotton Valley.
- Hays Tipples (c), Plain Dealing.
- George A. Bonds (w), Rocky Mount.
- Ernest C. Johnson (w), Rocky Mount.
- Rufus O. Kelley (w), Rocky Mount.
- George L. Gould (w), Benton (1).
- John W. Jennings (c), Rocky Mount.
- Robert Z. Emerson (w), Rocky Mount.
- Nolan L. McKinney (w), Rocky Mount.
- Rufus F. Rodgers (w), Rocky Mount.
- Joe Johnson (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- Thomas E. Garrett (w), Rocky Mount.
- Franklin B. Cook (w), Rocky Mount.
- Brown Thomas (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- Frank E. Arledge (w), Rocky Mount.
- Thomas N. Perry (w), Hughes' Spur.
- James M. Oglesby (w), Rocky Mount.
- Frank McGee (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- Joe Carl Andrews (w), Rocky Mount.
- Joseph E. Watt (w), Rocky Mount.
- Alex F. House (w), Rocky Mount.
- John B. Hall (w), Rocky Mount.
- Eldie F. Carr (w), Rocky Mount.
- Thomas H. Ford (w), Rocky Mount.
- Charlie M. Garrett (w), Rocky Mount.
- Thomas M. Dirlie (w), Benton (1).
- Robert Lee (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- William P. Ziegler (w), Rocky Mount.
- Aubrey M. Bounds (w), Rocky Mount.
- Sam M. House (w), Hughes' Spur.
- James H. Bounds (w), Rocky Mount.
- Clyde Bunch (c), Cotton Valley.
- Turner Green (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- James Neal (c), Plain Dealing (1).
- John H. McLaughlin (c), Rocky Mount.
- Isiah Jennings (c), Rocky Mount.
- Robert T. Greva (c), Cotton Valley.
- James C. Cunningham (w), Rocky Mount.
- Martin M. McKinney (w), Rocky Mount.
- Jesse A. House (w), Rocky Mount.
- Jesse Miles (c), Rocky Mount.
- Henry Carper (c), Rocky Mount.
- Samuel English (c), Plain Dealing (1).
- Henry Johnson (c), Rocky Mount.
- Ivory Edna (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- Kid Hankhead (c), Cotton Valley (1).
- Jesse Edna (c), Benton (2).
- James A. Adams (c), Benton (2).
- Frank Bryant (c), Benton (2).
- Arthur Lewis (c), Benton (2).
- Elmer Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Edis Brightop (c), Benton (2).
- Ernest Johnson (w), Shreveport (3).
- Polix Nailer (c), Benton (2).
- Charles Baker (c), Shreveport (3).
- Jack Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Darling Smith (c), Shreveport (3).
- George W. Gaton (c), Benton (2).
- George Brown (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Haley (c), Benton (2).
- Albert Gates (c), Benton (2).
- George Stephenson (c), Benton (2).
- Add Lowrey (c), Benton (2).
- Mack Neal Lemons (c), Benton (2).
- Frank Austin (c), Benton (2).
- Charlie Natchez (c), Benton (2).
- Alena Gilliland (c), Benton (2).
- Shedrick Estes (c), Benton (2).
- Belton Smith (c), Benton (2).
- Allen J. Wallace (c), Shreveport (3).
- Leslie Banks (c), Shreveport (3).
- Willie Johnson (c), Shreveport (3).
- Robert M. Horn (c), Benton (2).
- Il. N. Johnson (c), Benton (2).
- John Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Arthur C. Bryant (c), Benton (2).
- Lourena Bryant (c), Shreveport (3).
- Pleas Smith (c), Benton (2).
- Jim Hill (c), Benton (2).
- Willie Warren (c), Benton (2).
- Jim Williams Harris (c), Benton (2).
- Anron Wells (c), Benton (2).
- Luther Elmore (c), Benton (2).
- George Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Wash Kingsley (c), Benton (2).
- Shedrick M. Hinson (c), Benton (2).
- Leande L. Blue (c), Benton (2).
- Paul Hill (c), Benton (2).
- Ben Hicks (c), Benton (2).
- Bunny Wiley (c), Benton (2).
- Henry McNeil (c), Shreveport (3).
- Robert Smith (c), Shreveport (3).
- Sylvester Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Sorey Wilson (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Parks (c), Benton (2).
- Virgil Smith (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Siles (c), Benton (2).
- Levi Primus (c), Shreveport (3).
- John Marshall (c), Benton (2).
- George Black (c), Benton (2).
- Foster Richardson (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Williams (c), Benton (2).
- James Anderson (c), Shreveport (3).
- Richard Forkner (c), Benton (2).
- Lewis Bell, Jr. (c), Shreveport (3).
- Wesley Kelley (c), Benton (2).
- Sidney Crow (c), Benton (2).
- Robert Carter (c), Shreveport (2).
- Tom Stewart (c), Benton (2).
- James McConell (c), Benton (2).
- A. W. Harrison, Jr. (c), Benton (2).
- Jobe M. Wilson (w), Benton (2).
- Robert King (c), Benton (2).
- James McConell (c), Benton (2).
- Frank Bell (c), Benton (2).
- Andrew McJowell (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Nelson (c), Shreveport (3).
- Lewis Woodard (c), Benton (2).
- Bell Woods (c), Benton (2).
- Thomas A. Tidwell (w), Benton (2).
- Hartwell J. Alton (w), Benton (2).
- Isaac McJowell (c), Benton (2).
- J. H. Thompson (c), Benton (2).
- Andrew Chambers (c), Benton (2).
- Ben H. Vaughan (w), Benton (2).
- Jack Conner (c), Benton (2).
- Warren Wilson (c), Benton (2).
- Lee Woodard (c), Benton (2).
- Charlie Natchez (c), Benton (2).
- John Brownlee Arnold (w), Benton (2).
- Horace Wiley (c), Benton (2).
- Johnny Lewis (c), Benton (2).
- John Brown (c), Benton (2).
- Child W. Harrison (c), Benton (2).
- Harry Hart (c), Benton (2).
- Bernie Smilson (w), Benton (2).
- Merritt Reid (c), Benton (2).
- Wash Sims Tidwell (w), Benton (2).
- Joe Rizzo (w), Benton (2).
- Peter Smith (c), Benton (2).
- Lawrence Chambers (c), Benton (2).
- Robert E. Campbell (w), Benton (2).
- Oscar A. Young (w), Benton (2).
- Gray Stinson (w), Benton (2).
- Jacob S. Alton, Jr. (w), Benton (2).
- James Carter (c), Shreveport (3).
- Nick Gates (c), Benton (2).
- Fennel Jackson (c), Benton (2).
- Henry Gates (c), Shreveport (3).
- Harry D. Adams (c), Bossier City.
- Eljah Johnson (c), Shreveport (3).
- Frank Johnson (c), Allendale.
- John Baker (c), Allendale.
- Garrett Edwards (c), Shreveport (3).
- Robert Henderson (c), Shreveport (3).
- Llewellyn G. Walker, sr. (c), Bossier.
- Tom Richardson (c), Shreveport (3).
- John P. Ponell (c), Shreveport (3).
- Nannan Calhoun (c), Shreveport (3).
- Wess Clay (c), Shreveport (3).
- James Smith (c), Allendale.
- Mose Wheeler (c), Allendale.
- Elmore Marshall (c), Allendale.
- Jim Murchant (c), Shreveport (3).
- Albert Michol (c), Shreveport (3).

Special Notice

To Correspondents, Agents and Subscribers

The War Industries Board has ruled that the newspapers must reduce by 15 per cent their consumption of news print paper. There will be no exceptions to the ruling. Some publishers who have been running their business in a loose sort of fashion, not having their subscription lists paid up, will find it easy to comply with this ruling—yet hard, for they will lose much money by discontinuing papers to delinquents, many of whom will not renew their subscriptions.

Fortunately, that is far in the past with the Banner—its subscription list having been paid in advance for several years. But there is one practice we will have to abandon (and not through choice, by far) and that is the "homing" of the subscriber by mailing him one or more sample copies after his subscription has expired. It is specified in the ruling of the board that sample copies may no longer be sent out.

The rulings are sweeping in their scope, and can only be partially referred to in so limited a space. For instance, a publisher may not now exchange papers with other publishers, except those within a radius of forty miles; sample copies may not be sent out for any purpose, free copies may not be given out at the office of publication, commissions may not be given for the securing of subscriptions, and "no publisher may continue subscriptions after the date of expiration, unless such subscriptions are renewed and paid for in full."

The Banner has been discontinued to all agents who were receiving it free of charge, but, as the rulings permit it, we will continue to mail the paper to those correspondents who send in news reports, even if such correspondents will receive a copy of the Banner as often as they send in news reports.

As for paid subscriptions, no change is necessary, except the discontinuance of sample copies in an effort to win back the subscriber whose subscription has just expired. Subscription statements will be mailed out regularly, and all subscriptions discontinued on the date of expiration.

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