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## NEWS NUBS FOR HASTY READING

### The European War.

Last Thursday the Allies bombarded Metz, demolishing one factory building in the city. On the northern part of the French line the Allies advanced within three miles of St. Quentin. On the Macedonian front it was reported that the Bulgarians were defeated by the Serbians and Greeks.

A dispatch dated last Friday states that the Allies, including forces from seven nations, are attacking on five front lines of the enemy, including the Russian Bolsheviks. Two successful raids were made on the Germans north of St. Mihiel, and the enemy line between St. Quentin and Cambrai was smashed. On the Italian front the Italians drove back the Austrians. In Palestine the British and French drove back the Turks over a fifty-mile front. The Allies captured Nazareth, and took 16,000 prisoners.

A dispatch dated last Saturday states that the Allies hold the strong positions commanding St. Quentin, and that a movement will be made upon the town from three sides. The Germans are burning their stores and preparing to retreat from Metz.

The dispatches dated Sunday state that the Germans are preparing to retreat from Cambrai. The town is a few miles north of St. Quentin. The Americans raided Metz, and fifteen tons of bombs were dropped on the town by the air-men.

In Palestine two Turkish divisions were destroyed by the British army under Gen. Allenby. Twenty-five thousand Huns were captured; also, 250 heavy guns.

The Allies on the Macedonian front captured a number of prisoners and advanced three miles. The Bulgarians fled in disorder.

Six thousand Germans and Austrians have marched on Irkutsk, Russia. Japan will send a force to route the invaders.

Tuesday's dispatches state that the employment of St. Quentin by British forces on the north and French troops on the south continues, and the surrender of that stronghold is almost a certainty. The Allies are within three miles of the town. The Americans have concentrated their artillery upon the St. Mihiel front.

The Italian forces, operating with the British and Greeks on the Saloniki front, advanced ten miles. The Serbians defeated the Bulgarians in this sector, and took 12,000 prisoners.

In Palestine, the British have taken the important seaport of Acre, driving some of the Turkish troops eastward from the River Jordan.

It was stated in the dispatches yesterday that owing to the long-range bombardment of Metz by the Allies the civilians are leaving the city. The Huns were repulsed in an attack on Fayet, near St. Quentin.

The Germans and Bulgarians in Macedonia are facing disaster, and have suffered another defeat.

The French and Italian troops penetrated the Austrian lines near Sismont yesterday.

During the week the Allies have taken about 20,000 prisoners. Most of these were captured by Gen. Allenby's troops in the Holy Land, in which drive the Turks are reported as being still on the run.

On the Albanian front the Italians and Greeks are beating the Austrians, who are also demoralized, and, it is said, they desire a separate peace and are tired of their alliance with the Huns.

In France the stronghold of St. Quentin is besieged on three sides by the Allies, and must soon fall. The Huns

are said to be evacuating Cambrai and Metz. They are constructing a line of defense behind these positions, but it is not likely that the Allies will stop the offensive long enough to permit the Huns to securely entrench themselves. This movement foreshadows an overwhelming victory for the Allies.

### Washington, D. C.

The revenue bill levies an occupation tax of \$10 a year on persons whose gross receipts are \$2500 a year.

About 100,000 speakers have been engaged for the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign, which opens Saturday. The campaign will last three weeks.

The Government has requested business houses to discontinue rendering monthly statements to customers, so as to conserve labor, which can be employed in a more useful line.

The Secretary of the Navy has announced that 15,000 men will be recruited monthly for that branch of the service. These will be taken from the skilled classes of workmen, as far as practicable.

The Provost Marshal General has announced that about 20,000 slackers were routed out from the emergency fleet corporation in a drive made last week. They were evading the draft law in claiming examination as skilled laborers.

The Secretary of State has issued a note branding the Russian-Bolshevik government officials as outlaws, and asking all allied and neutral powers to endorse the note and join in a movement to suppress this rule of blood and wholesale assassinations.

It is stated that the drawing of the names of those who registered on the 12th will take place on October 23. The date cannot be officially determined until all the lists of the registrants in the United States have been received by the Provost Marshal General.

A dispatch dated the 23d says that orders have been issued to the one thousand community labor boards to force men out of nonessential employments and put women in their places. Under these orders each board will soon publish lists of industries in its locality in which men should be replaced by women.

The Federal Custodian of Alien Property is making an inquiry into the purchase of the *Washington Times* by the Brewers Association. The sheet is conducted by Arthur Brisbane. Custodian Palmer has found evidence to the effect that the brewers were acting in the interests of Germany, the purchase being made under the direction of Bernard Dernburg and other German propagandists.

### Louisiana.

A number of sugar planters in the lower section of the state have asked the permission of the Department of Labor to import Mexicans from Eastern Mexico.

State Food Administrator Parker has called a meeting for every food administrator in the state, the conference to be held in Shreveport October 30th to November 1st.

The *Croftley Signal* announces that its daily edition will be discontinued October 1st. The weekly edition of the paper will be continued. Shortage of labor and materials is given as the reason for the suspension of the daily.

Mrs. W. S. Holmes, of New Orleans, State Chairman of the Woman's Suffrage party, has issued a statement that the Brewers Association is a pro-German organization, as nearly all the breweries are owned by alien enemies. The leaders boasted that their influence would prevent woman suffrage and ultimately defeat the proposed national prohibition amendment. The association attacks the Government by sending out circulars to the newspapers, and even by purchasing newspapers to aid the cause, as was done in buying the *New York Times* and the *Washington Times*.

### Shreveport.

The Fourth Liberty Bond quota of Caddo Parish is \$3,973,700.

W. R. Graham was arrested in Shreveport Monday on a charge of desertion from Camp Beauregard, also for stealing an automobile from a transfer company of that city.

Mr. E. M. Adger, in charge of the U. S. Employment Bureau, has received a request for 100 laborers to go to Dayton, Texas, to work in the rice fields. Free transportation and \$225 a day are offered.

Judge T. F. Bell sided an injunction yesterday restraining the City Treasurer from paying the recently elected officials any increased salaries. The Judge holds that the election on the increase of salary was illegal.

A Liberty Loan meeting, which was largely attended by both men and women, was held at the Court House in Shreveport Monday night. Several addresses were made, and the ladies promised to enlist in the selling of bonds. Mr. A. Curtis, local chairman for the drive, said that "Bossier Parish is going to do just like it has always done—go way over the top."

The Shreveport Police Department, under the direction of Chief of Police J. J. Gray, made a "drive" on the looters of that city last Thursday, and rounded up about 300 of them. A majority of them were found in the poolrooms, "hanging round" the street corners and in front of the cigar stands. Mayor Ford ordered them to

find work at once, and keep at it, or they will be treated as vagrants.

Gustav Becker, a registered alien enemy who fled from New Orleans, thus violating the law, was arrested in Shreveport last Saturday in a gaming house.

Three automobiles were stolen in Shreveport within the twenty-four hours ending at ten o'clock last Saturday night. Messages were received from Louisiana and Texas towns, asking the police to look out for automobiles that had been stolen in those places. The police sent back the same "S. O. N." signal to the authorities who wired them.

### Parish Council of Defense.

There was a meeting of the Parish Council of Defense on the 9th. Dr. C. H. Irion, Chairman called the meeting to order. The following named members were present: J. C. Logan, J. W. Wallace, J. T. Manry, N. W. Sentell, J. G. McJade, Mrs. J. G. McJade, L. G. Smith and R. B. Hill.

Chairman Irion stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the question of the shortage of labor and the conservation of fuel and foodstuffs. The Chairman then asked that regular meetings of the Ward Councils be held hereafter in all the wards of the parish. It was then moved and carried that the Ward Councils meet once each month in their respective wards, on the first Wednesday in each month, at two o'clock p.m.

A motion was adopted that an Executive Committee be appointed to act in matters pertaining to the organization in the absence of the board. Dr. Irion, J. C. Logan and J. W. Wallace were appointed.

A motion was also adopted for the appointment of a committee to appear before the Police Jury and ask for a donation of \$100 to pay the necessary expenses of the council, such as postage stamps, stationery, etc. J. C. Logan, J. G. McJade and J. T. Manry were named as members of this committee.

It was moved and carried that the Bossier Banner be requested to publish the proceedings of each meeting of the Ward Councils and of the Parish Council of Defense.

It was further moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended the editor of the Bossier Banner for the kindly interest he has manifested in the upbuilding of our parish Council of Defense.

The council then adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday in October, at two o'clock p.m.

W. I. GAYLE, Secretary.

### Boys Must Register.

The Louisiana State, Department of Education has issued instructions to the chairmen of the Parish Councils of Defense to register all boys who have reached their sixteenth birthday and have not reached their twenty-first birthday into the Boys' Working Reserve Corps. The 20th of this month is the day set for registration. Dr. C. H. Irion, Chairman of the Bossier Parish Council of Defense, has appointed a number of citizens of each ward to register the young men on that day. Their names will be sent to the Parish Council of Defense to be filed for future reference.

The object of this organization is to secure laborers on the farms, or elsewhere. This order will not interfere with those within the draft age, but until they are called into military service they are required to work as designated by the Parish Council of Defense.

### Boy Scouts Find Black Walnut.

Department of Agriculture Bulletin.]

About 15,000,000 feet of black walnut timber has been located and its existence reported to the Forest Service by the Boy Scouts since they were called upon by the President to assist the Government in locating this timber for gun stocks and propeller material. The Boy Scouts send the reports to the Forest Service, where the information is compiled and then forwarded to the War Department. The Government itself is not buying the walnut, but sends out the information to manufacturers working on government contracts.

### Subscriptions Paid.

The management of the Banner hereby acknowledges receipt and returns thanks for the following subscriptions paid in during the month of August:

John B. Adger, to August 9, 1918, \$2.00.  
Nancy Allen, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
Fred O. Byrd, to Oct. 1, 1918, 25c.  
J. B. Booker, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
E. M. Burke, to Feb. 1, 1919, 80c.  
D. M. Clowery, to August 1, 1918, \$2.  
W. T. Colquitt, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
Crawford, Jenkins & Booth, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
Hon. Edward J. Gay, Nov. 1, 1918, 50c.  
J. F. Edwards, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
W. A. Fortson, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
W. E. Foster, to April 1, 1921, \$5.  
E. D. Foster, to Nov. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
J. D. Gleason, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
G. B. Garrett, to August 1, 1918, \$2.  
G. E. Gilmer, to May 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
Mrs. Idella Green, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
Annie T. High, to March 1, 1919, 80c.  
Mrs. N. E. Holloway, April 1, 1919, \$1.  
J. W. Hunter, to July 1, 1920, \$1.50.  
W. E. Hall, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
Mrs. J. S. Johnson, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
W. D. Johnston, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
J. B. Keown, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
Paul Kidd, to March 1, 1919, 80c.  
T. T. Land, to August 1, 1918, \$2.  
John Lane, to Dec. 1, 1918, 40c.  
W. F. McCallan, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
C. H. Montgomery, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
L. T. Morrill, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
H. H. Montgomery, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
J. E. Northcott, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
Rev. W. F. Rogers, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
J. C. Stewart, to Feb. 1, 1919, 80c.  
C. F. Schell, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
G. W. Smith (Haughton), to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
D. H. Stinson, to Nov. 1, 1918, 35c.  
F. S. Whitman, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
A. B. Williams, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
J. M. Whittington, to August 1, 1918, \$2.  
J. M. Walling, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.  
Hon. J. T. Watkins, to July 25, 1918, \$2.  
Rev. W. A. Ziegler, to August 1, 1918, \$1.50.  
S. J. Ziegler, to Sept. 1, 1918, \$2.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Plain Dealing.

Wednesday, Sept. 25.—Mr. Bryan Hollaway, aged about eighteen years, residing near Hollinger, happened to a fatal accident last Saturday at the farm of Mr. J. B. Ladd. While riding a bucking horse, he was thrown against a tree with such force as to break his neck. Bryan attended school here only a few months ago, and leaves many friends among his school companions and workers to mourn his tragic death. The remains were interred in the Plain Dealing Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

It is now *work or fight!* In the past it hasn't been so much a shortage of workers as a surplus of those who do not work. Mr. Freddy Graham, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, reside here, happened to a serious accident in the oil field Monday, having one of his legs fractured by coming in contact with a sight-trench pipe. He is said to be resting well this morning.

The registration of all boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty into the Boys' Working Reserve is set for Monday, the 30th, in this parish. For Ward Three this registration will be held at Plain Dealing and Alden Bridge. Let's have a full registration. This is in accordance with the State and Parish Council of Defense, and Bossier, as usual, will come up to the top.

### Red Land.

Tuesday, Sept. 23.—The weather still continues favorable for the cotton pickers. However, the mornings are a bit chilly.

Mr. E. C. Dodson and family spent Sunday very pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dodson and family.

Messrs. E. L. Johnson, Austin Stampley, Raymond and Glenn Dodson were Plain Dealing visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. J. Robinson has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is improving now, to the delight of her many friends.

Messrs. Cliff Love and Tommie Weeks, of the Pleasant Hill community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Messrs. Glenn and Raymond Dodson.

The Woodmen Circle No. 206 met in regular session Saturday afternoon. The attendance was small. The members are urged to attend meetings more regularly.

The Red Land Graded School will open Monday, October 7th, and a large attendance is expected. At present there is one vacancy in the list of teachers, but it is expected the school will be full by the time the school is to open.

A card announcing the safe arrival overseas of Corp. Lester L. Dodson, of Company A, 156th Infantry, has been received by members of that family. He has not as yet been heard from directly, but they are now expecting to hear from any day.

On the fifth Sunday in this month (which will be next Sunday) Brother Russell will preach at Red Land Baptist Church. There will also be services the Saturday evening before. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

### Sarepta Items.

Tuesday, Sept. 24.—The cotton crop is being fast gathered. The yield will be much under that of last year. It will be open by October 1st—the earliest opening within the knowledge of the writer. The corn crop is also very short.

Mr. J. P. Pierce is a guest of Mr. J. H. Merritt.

Mrs. Drew Cox paid Miss Gillie Meadows a visit Sunday.

Mr. Solomon McEann was seen on our streets Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Evans made a hurried trip to Spring Hill Saturday.

Mr. Ed Leggett, of Leiton, was a guest of your correspondent Sunday.

The Sunday school at Blocker's School House is progressing nicely. There were Miss Sallie and Ina Deana were guests Sunday of Miss Ruby Leonard.

Mr. Hubbard Brown, of Cotton Valley, was mixing with friends here Sunday.

Quite a number of our young folks went to Cotton Valley Sunday to witness the baptizing.

Mr. S. L. Bigby has sold his farm and home to Mr. Tom Hood, who has just moved in.

### Court House to Be Repaired.

Mr. Edwin A. George, a Shreveport architect, was in Benton last Friday, at the request of the Court House Committee, to examine into the condition of the Court House, and suggest the needed repairs. Yesterday Mr. George telephoned to Mr. R. B. Hill, Clerk for the Police Jury, stating that he had made the blue-prints and plans and specifications, and had submitted them to several contractors. After examining them, the contractors will forward their bids, when an extra session of the Police Jury will be called for the consideration of the bids and to award the contracts.

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## Partial List of September 12th Registrants

Below we continue the publication of the names of those who registered on the 12th. Owing to the great quantity of work before the Local Draft Board, this is all the names that could be furnished this week. The letters W and C next to the names indicate "white" and "colored," respectively. A figure after the postoffice shows on what mail route the registrant resides. We expect to continue the publication of the list in next week's issue.

- Don Richardson (c), Benton (2).
- Lucian Brown (c), Benton (2).
- Sam Jones (c), Benton (2).
- The Ward (c), Benton (1).
- John Lewis (c), Benton (2).
- Abney Wiggin (c), Benton (1).
- Horace Jackson (c), Benton (1).
- Deek Heier (c), Benton (1).
- Mathew Montgomery (c), Benton (2).
- Richard Jones, Jr. (c), Benton (1).
- Douglas Payne (c), Benton (1).
- Johnnie Richardson (c), Benton (2).
- Sigh Hampton (c), Benton (2).
- Tom Wright (c), Benton (2).
- Ed Johnson (c), Benton (2).
- Joe Adger (c), Benton (1).
- James Flournoy (c), Benton (3).
- Samuel Dickson (c), Benton (1).
- Ernest Black (c), Benton (3).
- Robert Williams (c), Benton (2).
- Howard Hunter (c), Benton (2).
- Gaston Andrews (c), Benton (2).
- Abmel Pearce (c), Benton (2).
- Robert Parks (c), Benton (3).
- Fit Simmons (c), Benton (2).
- Larkin Hall (c), Benton (2).
- Charlie Flournoy (c), Benton (3).
- Savory Johnson (c), Benton (2).
- John Roberson (c), Benton (1).
- Will Adger (c), Benton (2).
- Virge Roberson (c), Benton (3).
- William Kidd (c), Benton (2).
- Monroe Gaudney (c), Benton (1).
- Fred Thomas (c), Benton (2).
- Sam Wesley (c),