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## THEIR WORK IS FINE TAKE MANY MEN

### Garments So Well Made that Inspection Is No Longer Necessary. Thousands of German Soldiers Meet Death In Hurricane of Bullets.

The local Red Cross Chapter has accomplished such splendid work in making garments for members of the American expeditionary forces abroad that it has been placed on an honor basis, and these garments will hereafter be shipped direct to the soldiers without undergoing inspection before being placed on board the vessels which are to transport them to France.

Heretofore all garments have been sent to New Orleans, which is the headquarters of the Gulf division of the American Red Cross Society, and were subjected to a rigid inspection there before being loaded on outgoing vessels. The work of the local chapter has been so universally satisfactory, however, that such inspection is no longer considered necessary and the various articles will go to France in their original packages. The action of the executive officials in deciding to discontinue the inspection is quite a compliment to members of the local chapter, as it demonstrates the fact that their work has been conscientiously and efficiently performed.

The local chapter recently shipped the following articles to New Orleans: 358 bed shirts, 114 suits of pajamas, 110 pairs of socks, 99 sweaters, 100 layettes, 1,618 surgical dressings. The total value of the shipment, which represents the output of the chapter for the month of June, is valued at \$1,863.40.

## MANY COLUMBIANS VISIT PAYNE FIELD

Fully fifteen hundred people from Columbus were among the thousands of visitors who spent Thursday afternoon at Payne Aviation field near West Point. A special War Savings Stamp celebration was held and in this way much money was added to Clay county's quota.

During the afternoon many exhibitions were given, the feature most enjoyed being the formation flying and the scene of about fifty planes in the air at one time led by Maj. Heard.

## Arrives in France

Mrs. Eloise Bell yesterday received a cablegram from her brother, Mr. S. B. Johnston, stating that he arrived safely in France. Mr. Johnston several weeks ago left here to take up Red Cross work abroad, and his many friends are glad to learn that he has landed safely and is about to enter actively upon his new duties.

## WILL MAKE TALK TO MILL EMPLOYES

### THOS. P. DUDLEY WILL ADDRESS EMPLOYEES OF LUMBER COMPANY WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Thomas P. Dudley of Kentucky, will deliver an address to employees of the Columbus Lumber Company next Wednesday. He is conducting a campaign throughout this section under the direction of the Southern Pine Association of New Orleans for the purpose of arousing interest in war activities among laboring men, and the subject of his address will be "Obligations of Labor in Winning the War."

Mr. Dudley is a member of Illinois State Council of National Defense and is devoting his energies to an effort to convince laboring men that they have important work to perform in connection with winning the war and that they are second in importance only to the soldiers who are now fighting on the battle fields of France.

## ALLIES SMASH ENEMY LINES AT FLANDERS

### BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE OVER THREE MILE FRONT

## TAKE MANY MEN

### Thousands of German Soldiers Meet Death In Hurricane of Bullets.

London, June 29.—British troops in attacks against the Germans have advanced their line over a front of nearly three miles to an average depth of nearly a mile east of the Nieppe forest, which lies between Baillieul and Bethune, according to the British official communication issued this evening. West of Merris Australian troops also captured enemy positions. On both sectors prisoners and machine guns were taken.

The operation was an unqualified success from its inception, and the attacking infantry reached all their objectives in remarkable short time. By this thrust the British not only have greatly improved their position in this important and much-contested sector, which lies just north of Merville, but they inflicted heavy punishment on two hostile divisions that were holding the line here—the thirty-second division of Saxons and the forty-fourth reserve divisions of Prussians.

Large numbers of the enemy were killed in the hurricane onslaught and some 250 of the more fortunate had been collected in the prisoner cages before noon.

The front of the attack was 6,000 yards in length and lay approximately between Vieux Berquin on the north and Pont Tournai, which is 2,000 yards northwest of Merville, on the south.

West of Merville the British and German lines here had been jammed up almost against the edge of the Nieppe forest in places, with the result that the British felt a lack of elbow room for operations. It was in order to acquire more leeway that today's assault was projected.

Washington, June 29.—A regiment of troops in Gen. Pershing's expeditionary forces has been ordered to Italy, probably as an advance guard of additional forces to be sent later, to complete the unity of that front of Italian, British, French and American troops.

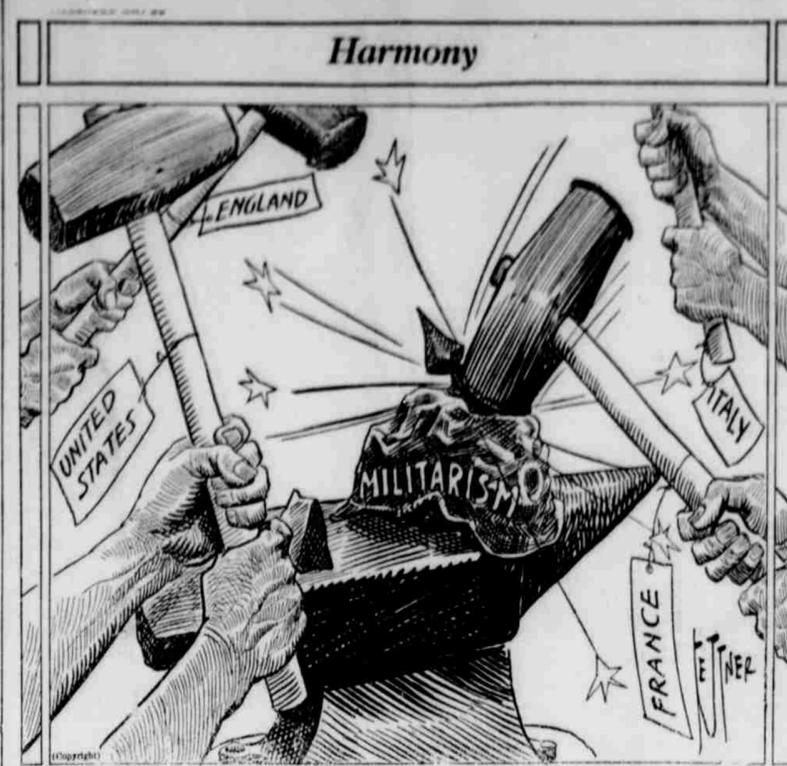
Secretary Baker announced today that Gen. Pershing had been instructed to select a regiment now in training in France for immediate movement to Italy. It will be replaced by a regiment to be sent from the United States to fill up the division from which it is drawn.

The secretary's announcement permits for the first time publication of the projects that have been under consideration here and which were discussed with Gen. Pershing by cable before a decision to send the first contingent to Italy from France was reached. The original plan was to use a part of the mobile reserves of the American expeditionary forces for the Italian expedition, but later it appeared likely that the movement would be made direct from the United States.

While there is good reason to believe the American forces in Italy will be augmented considerably later, today's announcement appears to make it certain that no direct movement from the United States at an early date is planned. It is known, however, that the suggestion has been considered that the Italian expedition be made entirely independent of Gen. Pershing's forces, although equally under the direction of Gen. Foeh as supreme commander.

The nature of the discussion with Gen. Pershing as to the Italian venture has not been dissolved. The fact that he is selecting the first regiment to be sent, however, was taken as indicating that it resulted in a decision that at present is least.

The purpose of sending troops to Italy, Mr. Baker has explained, is more for political than military purposes. It is desired to demonstrate again that the allied nations and the United States are one in their purposes on all fronts and to extend the



## WELL KNOWN NEGRO DROWNS IN RIVER FOR FRANCE SOON POLICE CAPTURE BOYS WITH BOOZE

### JOE WILLIAMS, OIL MILL EMPLOYEE, LOSES LIFE WHILE EXAMINING TRAWL LINE.

Joe Williams, a negro, was drowned in the Tombigbee river a short distance below the Mobile and Ohio railroad bridge Friday afternoon, having lost his life while examining a trawl line. He was in a skiff and was bending over the line when he lost his balance and fell in the river. The negro, who was familiarly known as "Preacher" Williams, had been employed at the local mill of the Refugio Cotton Oil Company for several years past, and was considered an unusually competent and trustworthy laborer, having been highly regarded by the gentlemen under whom he worked.

Mr. Henry Benoit, former Columbian who at present holds a position as traveling auditor for the Refugio Cotton Oil Company and who is now here auditing the books of the local mill, dived into the river several times in an attempt to locate the body of the unfortunate near by but his effort in this direction proved futile.

Late in the evening, however, the body was located by a negro, Joe Walker, who is employed at the Refugio.

## Change in Location

The stock of the Broken Dollar Store, owned by Miss Glass, who for several years past has been in business on Merchant's block, on South Market street, will be moved the coming week to the building formerly occupied by the Ezell Clothing Company.

Mr. Eli Ashmore, who has been in New Orleans the past two weeks on account of his health, is expected home today.

Intercourses between the troops of all the powers at war with Germany for this reason there has been no suggestion that an American army be sent to Italy, although all those who will see actual service at the front associated with the Italian or more probably French and British forces.

London, June 29.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that M. Tchitcherine, the Russian foreign minister at Darmstadt that the former emperor was murdered a few days ago between Ekaterinburg and Perm, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Amsterdam, June 29.—The Wolf Bureau, the semi-official German news agency, says it has learned from Russian sources that the former Russian emperor was murdered in a train while leaving Ekaterinburg immediately after that city had been captured by Czecho-Slovak forces.

The Wolf Bureau also reports the report that Alexis, the former crown prince, died a fortnight ago after a long illness.

## HOLCOMB TO LEAVE POLICE CAPTURE BOYS WITH BOOZE

### PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL DELIVER FAREWELL SERMON.

Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church, who recently volunteered for work as a Y. M. C. A. secretary abroad, will leave Wednesday for New York, and expects to sail in about two weeks for France. During Mr. Holcomb's absence a family will be with relatives in a

Mr. Holcomb will deliver his farewell sermon here tonight, and the pastors of several churches of other denominations will hold no services in order that their congregations may worship at the First Baptist church and join in bidding farewell to the pastor. Although Mr. Holcomb has been in Columbus only a short time, he has attained wide popularity, and has numerous friends here who wish him unlimited success in his work abroad.

## R. S. GRIFFIN DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

### CONFEDERATE VETERAN PASSES AWAY AT HOME EIGHT MILES EAST OF CITY.

Mr. R. S. Griffin, a well known Confederate veteran, died at his home eight miles east of Columbus at an early hour yesterday morning. He is survived by his widow, six sons, H. M. Griffin of Birmingham, Dr. D. D. Griffin, Messrs. A. E. Griffin, B. A. Griffin, Earl Griffin and Ross Griffin, of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. George Shubert of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. David Gallagher of Amarillo, Texas, and Mrs. Byron Gibson of Corona, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Tabernacle cemetery, 12 miles north-east of Columbus, at 10 o'clock this morning, and will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Newton of Shuqualak.

Mr. F. C. Price, who for several years past has been in charge of the dry-goods department at Simon Loeb and Brother, leaves this morning for Cleveland, Miss., where he goes to take a similar position with the C. R. Smith Department store. Mr. Price's family will remain here until next fall. Mr. Price has made many friends in Columbus who regret his departure, but who wish for him much success in the future.

Miss Josephine Duncan, who has been attending school in Nashville, returned the past week from Birmingham, where she spent a few days with relatives.

Miss Louise Riteman, of Greenville, is the attractive guest of Miss Maurine Kaufman.

## POLICE CAPTURE BOYS WITH BOOZE

### THREE YOUNG MEN CAUGHT WITH MOONSHINE LIQUOR IN THEIR POSSESSION.

The police made a big haul here Friday night, when three well known young men having in their possession a five-gallon oil can and a three-gallon jug filled with moonshine liquor were arrested on North Second avenue just opposite the Lowndes county court house.

The booze had been brought in from a moonshine still located some where near Columbus, and automobile having been used to transport it to the city. The police have suspected for some time past that liquor was being brought in here, and Chief Morton and his men have for several weeks been on the lookout for violation of this character. The young men drove up to a building on North Second avenue during the nocturnal hours and were spotted by Officer Cook, Glover and Hudson, who placed them under arrest. They were later taken before Mayor McCallahan and placed under bond in the sum of \$200 each to appear for trial.

## Agents Entertained

Mr. B. E. Seal, the well known and popular district superintendent of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company, of Tennessee, who resides in this city, entertained informally at dinner yesterday in compliment to the eight different agents who are under him. Mr. Seal and his assistants have done a big business the past year, having made a splendid record.

Yesterday was Mr. Seal's forty-fifth birthday, and it was his pleasure to have with him during the day the following agents: Messrs. N. A. Holmes, of Macon; J. P. Champion West Point; L. A. Clark, of Okolona; J. W. Stevens, of Tupelo; Werta Roberts, of Aberdeen; B. W. Brown; J. C. Morris and E. B. Nowlin, of this city. These gentlemen presented Mr. Seal with a pretty office chair. In return they received gifts.

Mr. B. P. Ferriday, the popular traveling representative for the Refugio Cotton Oil Company, has returned from a pleasant fortnight's visit to his sisters in Natchez, Port Gibson, Vicksburg and Clarksdale.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Harrison and Miss Viva Harrison, of Macon, and Mrs. J. L. Thompson, of Star, Ala. were quietly married Thursday morning at the home of Rev. T. E. Gregory, pastor of Central Methodist church.

Mr. Will Myrick's many friends here will be interested in hearing that he has arrived safely abroad.

Mr. Oscar Ferguson, of Camp Beauregard, will return tomorrow after a visit in this county.

Mr. J. W. Bell, of Paragould, Ark., is spending several days in Columbus with friends.

## WHITFIELD IS KEEN INTEREST AT HOME AFTER IS EVINCED IN SPEAKING TOUR STAMP DRIVE

### DECLINES TO COMMENT ON SHAKEUP IN COLLEGE STAFF MEETINGS HELD FRIDAY THROUGHOUT CITY AND COUNTY

## NO OTHER CHANGES RETURNS NOT IN

### Head of Institution Has Nothing to Give Out Regarding Faculty Personnel Reports Have Not Been Tabulated, and Amount Pledged Unknown.

After having spent several weeks in the central portion of Mississippi delivering speeches in behalf of the War Savings stamp campaign, Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, has returned to the city.

When asked about the recent action of the board of trustees having control over the University of Mississippi, the A. and M. College and the Industrial Institute and College in electing Mr. D. L. Ross, formerly secretary of the University of Mississippi, to succeed Mr. D. T. Gaston as secretary and Rev. James McCaskill of Columbus to succeed Capt. J. A. Neilson as proctor of the local institution, President Whitfield said he had no statement to give out.

It is understood that President Whitfield, in his annual report to the board of trustees, recommended the re-election of both Mr. Gaston and Capt. Neilson; but the trustees, instead of giving favorable consideration to the report, declined to re-elect these gentlemen, and named Mr. Ross and Mr. McCaskill as their successors. Mr. Ross is to be succeeded as secretary of the University of Mississippi by Mr. E. H. King of Okolona.

President Whitfield stated that he had nothing to give out regarding other changes in either the faculty or the business staff of the institution over which he presides.

## Enlists in Marines

Mr. William Love, a graduate of Franklin Academy, after passing with the highest honors of his class at the noted old Davidson College, in North Carolina, has enlisted in the marines and is now in the training camp at Port Royal, S. C.

The gallantry of our marines in France is attracting the attention of the world and young America is rushing that branch of the service, believing in General Forrest's maxim: "Get there first with the most men," is the way to win the war.

## Rev. Green Honored

Pursuant to the call of the bishop the Episcopal Council for the Diocese of Mississippi met at Jackson the past week and elected Rev. William Mercer Green, grandson of the first bishop of Mississippi, to be bishop-elect of the Diocese of the state.

## Will Enjoy Barbecue

The members of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and their families will on next Thursday, July 4, enjoy a barbecue at Lake Park. An address will probably be delivered by some prominent speaker.

## Swanzy-Gentry

Mr. Will E. Swanzy, a well known citizen residing near Caledonia, and Miss Nora Gentry, of Star, Ala. were quietly married Thursday morning at the home of Rev. T. E. Gregory, pastor of Central Methodist church.

## Boards to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the board of supervisors of Lowndes county will convene at the court house tomorrow morning. The councilmen will meet in regular session on Tuesday evening.

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## KEEN INTEREST IS EVINCED IN STAMP DRIVE

### MEETINGS HELD FRIDAY THROUGHOUT CITY AND COUNTY

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### Reports Have Not Been Tabulated, and Amount Pledged Unknown.

A vigorous campaign for the sale of War Savings stamps was conducted in Columbus and throughout Lowndes county Friday, but the reports on pledges have not been tabulated, and Prof. E. A. Stanley, the county chairman, stated last night that it was impossible to give even the approximate idea of the amount secured.

In the city of Columbus meetings for both white and colored people were held in each ward, while in the rural communities the district schoolhouses were used as places of amalgamation. Gentlemen who are thoroughly posted regarding the terms upon which the stamps are being sold attended all these meetings and explained to the people that they were not being asked to give their money away, but were merely being requested to lend it to Uncle Sam and that it would later be returned to them, with interest. A splendid effort was made to interest the colored people, many of whom became liberal purchasers of stamps.

The principal reason that it has been impossible to secure accurate data regarding the number of stamps sold is that there was such a large number of committees at work and that many of these committees did not tabulate their reports, having merely turned in the individual pledge cards. This made it necessary to perform the work of tabulation at the county headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce and the task is a gigantic one.

While the response on the part of the people was exceedingly generous, Prof. Stanley does not think that a sufficient number of pledges were secured to cover the county's allotment which is \$615,000, and it will probably be necessary to continue the work until the pledges reach this amount.

The merchants of the city close their stores while the meetings were in progress Friday afternoon, and citizens generally evinced a keen interest in the campaign.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Richards, who have been spending the past several weeks here the guests of relatives will leave today for their home in Marlow, Okla.

Mr. Goodloe McGahey, of Birmingham, who is well known in Columbus, was a visitor here yesterday, having been a guest of his nephew, Mr. T. A. McGahey.

## RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD STRINGENT

### NOW PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR DINERS TO SECURE ELABORATE MEALS.

Food restrictions are becoming more stringent each day, and people who are accustomed to dine elaborately are finding it impossible to secure many of their favorite dishes.

The most rigid restrictions are those regarding the service of beef in various forms. Beefsteak can be secured only once a week, while the service of roast beef and beef stew is also restricted to certain designated periods.

Restaurants have been instructed to remove sugar dishes from both lunch counters and tables, and sugar is now placed in tea and coffee by the waiters who serve these drinks. The quantity of bread served with each order is also limited, and in fact, it is becoming extremely difficult for the man who enjoys substantial meals to satisfy his appetite.