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WAR SUMMARY FOR WEEK.

Peace Proposals to President Wilson the Biggest Event of the Week. Outcome Hard to Predict.

The campaign of the present year has advanced far enough for us to see it as a whole. As the winter passed we were continually warned that 1918 would be the darkest year for the allies. The Germans began their March offensive with troops made possible because of the fact that Russia was prostrate, Rumania was betrayed, and Italy had sustained a crushing defeat on the Isonzo river. By an overwhelming concentration of troops on thinly held lines the Germans not only retook all the territory won by the allies at such tremendous cost during four years of warfare, but seemed to threaten the world with German domination. There was something in German success that made the world fear that Germans were superhuman. But even at that time were those who saw through the German plan which was to crush its enemies in detail, if possible. Germany knew that America couldn't get well into the game before the autumn of 1918. It also knew that its only chance of winning the war was to strike at the hearts of France, England and Italy that they would be willing to make peace to avoid being crushed. The campaign of the earlier part of the year was largely a German triumph. General Foch retreated skillfully, and yielded territory when necessary, but all the while he was giving the Germans "rope enough to hang themselves with."

If the Germans couldn't win the war before American resources became available they surely couldn't afterward. America's first step was to relieve the food situation among its allies by a rigid food allowance in America. Germany counted on American ships to remove our troops to France, knowing that our shipping was a negligible factor. Our answer to that was to combine the shipping of the allied world and now we have practically 2,000,000 men in Europe or embarked. The most important step of all was to combine the allied nations and their resources into one single factor for the winning of the war. All of our soldiers make one army, and allied ships make one navy to be used everywhere. The same is true with whatever is needed to win the war, each nation furnishes what it can to supply that need. It has now become one for all and all for one.

The German offensive of March was a powerful blow that fell short. Before they could recover themselves General Foch struck in an undefended spot. As weak places in the German lines have been uncovered heavy blows have been struck until the German armies have been forced back beyond the lines on which they expected to spend the winter. The German morale has been lowered. The conviction that they are being outgeneraled and driven back added to their weariness of the war is bringing them nearer to peace.

Last spring they were arrogant in their peace conditions which they expected to win by their armies. Now with Bulgaria out of the war, and Turkey must quit before Christmas; they can read their own defeat very clearly. Having failed in battle they are now trying to make peace if the allies will let them keep what they have stolen and go unpunished for their crimes. In this spirit they have made peace proposals to President Wilson. This has been the biggest event of the week. At present the outcome is impossible to predict. Germany has been such a slippery eel in the past until it is feared that she cannot be held by any promises made, unless steps are taken to render her harmless while she performs her promises. It is unfortunate for her peaceful promises that while she extends the offer of peace with one hand, she has with the other been guilty of unspeakable submarine murders of soldiers, women and children during the week. Submarines shelled the boats of the Ticon-

THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Progress of Campaign on "Liberty Day" Was Fairly Satisfactory—Better Results Promised For the Last of the Week.

Columbia, S. C. October 12.—The close of Liberty day found South Carolina still far behind her schedule in the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign, but the results reported during the last part of the week were the most encouraging yet to come in, and from every section of the state telegrams and letters have been assuring the state headquarters that, despite Spanish influenza and the inevitable effect of Germany's skillfully timed peace opiate, the various counties were determined to do at least their allotted duty.

Owing to the sickness prevalent in many portions of the state, it has been requested by state headquarters that other organizations lend aid to the crippled canvassing forces. In Columbia the United War Work Campaign personnel was placed at the disposal of the Loan authorities this week and the War Camp Community Service has been an active agent in helping solve problems such as circularizing.

"Every individual in the state must become, not only a buyer of bonds, but a talker of bonds and a seller of bonds, if this drive is to be put across," said State Chairman W. D. Melton of the United War Work Campaign, in offering that organization's services. "This is not the job of a few men and women; it is the job of every South Carolinian."

The plan of Governor-elect Cooper, adopted at a meeting Friday of the state executive committee, to publish in the county papers the names of those who refuse to subscribe as well as those who purchase, will be put into effect in many counties, according to word received here. It is felt that, with success in this loan especially needed to make the Germans winter thoroughly miserable, and with the boys over there making the supreme sacrifice in great numbers, patriotic citizens have the right to know those in each community who are such arrant slackers that the present situation does not open their hearts and their pocket-books.

ELLENTON NEWS ITEMS

Ellenton, S. C. Oct. 14th.—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Greene; Mrs. Arthur Best, Miss Sallie Pate and Will Best motored up from Barnwell Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Ashby have returned from Chattanooga.

Miss Maud Owens, of Dumbarton, is visiting Mrs. Fred Brinkley.

Mr. Richard Miller and family will move to Greenwood in the near future, much to the regret of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton and Miss Grace Walton are on a motor trip to Thomson, Crawfordville and Sparta, Ga.

deroga after their ship had been sunk. When a sailor swam to the submarine to be saved he was driven off with a pistol and told to go back to a boat. This boat was tied to the submarine just before it submerged. All that saved them from drowning was that the rope broke. It should not be forgotten that we are dealing with Germans when they offer peace.

COTTON. Why take "pot luck" with yours when you can command the long experience services of PEARCE & BATES and TEY, Savannah, Ga.

FROM HARRY M. WOODWARD.

Old Barnwell County Boy Writes Interesting Letter.

The following is a clipping taken from the Southern Telephone News, a magazine published by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Atlanta, Ga., from one of our Barnwell boys, Harry M. Woodward, formerly with the Division Engineer's office, Nashville, Tenn., now lieutenant in the 115th F. A. in France. The letter was written to T. H. Landgraf of Nashville, Tenn., and is quoted from this magazine for the pleasure of his own home people of Barnwell, S. C.

"I believe that I wrote you last from the port of debarkation. Well, we ain't there any more. The next day, after I wrote you we hopped aboard one of these toy trains (you know what they look like) and for two days and nights and part of the third day we "ambled" along through this country, all the time listening to the noise and adjusting ourselves to the jar of a flat wheel. You can't imagine how much I missed that wheel when we finally arrived at our destination.

"I won't try to describe the country we passed through, for I believe that you have been all through it. I saw some wonderful sights, though, and could hardly make myself believe that I was in a country that is torn by strife and hardship. Here, almost within sound of the guns, everything is as peaceful as you could imagine. Why, back there at home it looked a good deal more warlike with soldiers in uniform on every hand.

"I am having some amusing experiences over here, most of them due to the fact that I am not quite an authority on French. You see, there are several words in the French language that I have not learned yet. A few days ago I went out for a little jaunt through the country and finally came to a village where, as usual, there were a number of places called "Commerce de vins." It was pretty warm and I tried to make a girl behind the counter understand that I wanted some water. I had learned some time before this how to ask for wine, but had never had occasion to use the word for water before. Therefore it was only after several minutes that she understood me, and, with a look of wonderment on her face, she disappeared, to return presently with a basin full. Then it was several minutes before I could make her understand that I wanted to drink and not wash. It was beyond her to understand that I wanted to drink and not wash. It was beyond her to understand why anyone should want to use water for any other reason than to bathe in. And, you know, I am about to flow over to her point of view, after seeing some of the many substitutes for water that they have over here.

"We are located now within sight of Mont Blanc, and of course the altitude is high. It does not seem like the middle of June, for it is very cool and some days a fire does not feel at all bad. The scenery around here is beautiful. A few days ago I went up in an observation balloon to a height of

AMERICAN RED CROSS FURNISHES LABELS FOR XMAS PACKAGES SENT OVERSEAS.

Plans are being perfected by the War Department, the postal authorities and the American Red Cross where by the men in the American Expeditionary Forces will be provided with Christmas packages, though the limit will be one parcel to each man. Coupons are being distributed by the Army authorities to the men overseas to be forwarded to their relatives and friends, and no parcel will be received by the post office without this label which authorizes its shipment.

The contents of the package will be supplied by the families, but the Red Cross will furnish standard cartons, as all packages must be the same size and weight, and will inspect, wrap and deliver inspected parcels to the postal authorities.

The order for these cartons has already been placed, and they will be delivered the latter part of October in time to be distributed to Chapters. No cartons will be given out until the labels arrive from abroad, and complete details will be sent to all Red Cross Chapters as soon as the final arrangements are completed by the War Department and post office.

IMPORTANT RED CROSS MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers will be held at the Bank of Western Carolina, Oct. 24th, at 4 o'clock P. M. Each Auxiliary and Branch of the County is urgently requested to have a representative in attendance upon this meeting.

If the law now placed upon all public meetings is not lifted by that time, further notice as to date of meeting will be given.

(Signed)

Mrs. W. E. McNab,

Secretary.

3,300 feet, and the view surpassed anything I have ever seen before. The whole country looked like a well laid out park, with walks and drive ways winding in every direction. It was surprising to see how clearly you could distinguish things on the ground. A man looked no larger than an insect moving along, but should he walk through the grass the trail he left would be as plain as a road. I can readily see how hard it is to hide gun positions, etc., from the view of observers. Even if the positions were well concealed, there would be tracks leading to it that you could not hide, and if there were many of these leading to one place you could be sure that the enemy would not mind wasting a few shells in that direction, just on a chance of hitting something. I have always had visions, since getting into the army, of getting shot in the head or some place, and of being nursed back to health by some dear little white-capped angel with big brown eyes and wonderful hair, who would fall for the hero, and in the future everything would be sunshine and happiness.

"Well, I am in the hospital alright, but I am not shot or anything, but just at present a good healthy mump germ has taken up quarters in my right jaw. The nearest thing to an angel that I have been able to discover is a big black "nigger" (from Washington, N. C.) who cleans up the ward and brings my meals. You know that that is not even close. I have tried

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THREE DAY FEVER, "FLU" OR WHAT?

BY DuBois.

This INFLUENZA of the Spanish variety is one thing to laugh at though many have been sneezing at it and with it for some days past.

The United Health bureau calls it Spanish Influenza, or Flu or Three Days Fever. But after all "What's in a name?" or we do know that this grippy, grouchy, choky thing of a disease grabs mortal man and throws him flat upon his back and brings to him suffering.

There is much dispute as to where this Influenza originated. Some say Spain, some say the German trenches, some say Russia and some do say that it started in Armenia. Well, may be we don't know where it started nor where it's going but it is HERE—ou "betcher!"

In Philadelphia and Boston nearly every citizen on the street is wearing a little mask like you see Dr. Bethune wearing as he goes about in his car and on the street, and just here let me say that Dr. A. B. has been one busy man here lately, night and day that Overland slips up and down these county roads and about our streets carrying the Doctor to see a multitude of patients. Of course I reckon the other Doctors are busy too but Dr. Patterson lives down in my part of town and his business comes to my attention, every day and night too for that matter. Right in the midst of this Influenza frightfulness comes the dread disease diphtheria and lays its terrible fangs into the vitals of little Willie Bush Deason. The Lord only knows where it came from!

These things happen and we don't know why or where. Mr. Deason's other children were immediately given the Diphtheria antitoxin, and at this writing all of them are doing much better though for the four past days the little baby has been very, very low. There have been no other cases of Diphtheria reported and we can thank those concerned for checking it.

Dr. Patterson says that there are very few cases of the real Spanish Influenza in our town. He says that a great many who are sick are suffering from attacks of La Grippe only and not from the Flu. You will hear many advancing the opinion that the dust has caused many of the severe colds and fevers.

All the Doctors of authority and the health boys insist that the individual can prevent the spread of the Flu by observing certain rules.

When that whistle blows at nine o'clock tonight and you breathe up a prayer for "our boy" let us not fail to say "Lord take away this FLUENZA!"

TO THE MERCHANTS OF BARNWELL COUNTY

The following telegram was received from Honorable William Elliott, United States Administrator for South Carolina, J. W. Browning, Food Administrator for Barnwell Co., Blackville, S. C.

Effective immediately retailers may sell Wheat Flour without substitutes to farmers who tender Corn Millers certificates.

William Elliott, U. S. Food Administrator. One lb. of the following Substitute must be bought with every four lbs. of Wheat Flour, Corn Meal, Corn Flour, or Barley Flour.

No Merchant or Consumer is allowed to have on hand more than 60 days supply of Wheat Flour.

No Merchant is allowed to sell to the Consumer more than 60

RED CROSS DEPARTMENT.

The Red Cross chapter has received one hundred and fifty garments, ready cut, to be made for the over seas destitute children. The garments are obliged to be returned to Headquarters in thirty days after we received them. We have been notified that five hundred pairs of gloves will be sent to us to repair and return within the same period of time. To accomplish this work it will be necessary to have at least six or eight women at the Red Cross room every day, sewing on the four machines we are going to have in there; some basting and others sewing. We are asking the women of Barnwell to come and do this work and we believe they will.

Our Director of womens work will appoint a chairman for every day and it will be up to her to notify the women she will select to work with her, or under her direction. Before any woman refuses to go, please remember what it is she is refusing to do. If any little child was at your door, in rags on a cold winter's day, would you turn your back on that child and go to warm by your own fire? Certainly not! But that is what you will practically be doing, if you let your own affairs cause you to refuse to help make these little garments.

The surgical dressing class of this town finished the course on Friday 11th, and we are at any early date to receive our certificates from Headquarters that will allow us to make the dressings.

Blackville, with her class of twenty-one, made in June an allotment of One hundred ninty six pieces; doing it all in about two weeks time, a most creditable record. Headquarters soon after his sent this chapter a large allotment to be divided among all the surgical dressing classes in this chapter; supposing we had several, as this is a large one. The supervisor notified Headquarters that we only had one class in the chapter, and asked for a special allotment for Blackville. Some time is always needed to arrange these matters as Atlanta Headquarters has two thousand chapters and branches to attend to. Blackville is deep in earnest about this splendid work, and so anxious to accomplish things. She is very much disappointed about not having this large allotment sent to her. That is just the spirit we need in Red Cross work. We will have to work very hard and keep it up a long time to equal Blackville. She has made a splendid record in Red Cross work and Liberty Loan bonds. She has set the pace, it is up to us to keep it up.

The linen allotment sent our chapter to help supply the hospitals overseas, was most generously filled, by our citizens in fact. Barnwell has always responded faithfully to every call in this war, except that it is difficult to get the Red Cross work done by our women. This we feel sure is because they do not fully realize the great need of their service; for our women have never before in the history of our county failed their men. They will not

days supply of Wheat Flour. No Merchant is allowed to sell Wheat Flour to Consumer, unless the buyer purchases one lb. of Corn Meal, Corn Flour or Barley Flour, for every four lbs of Wheat Flour or delivers to Merchant Corn Millers Certificates. J. W. Browning, U. S. Food Admr. Barnwell Co.

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