

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina--Fair tonight and Thursday, except probable showers in west portion.

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AMERICA AGAIN HAS A CHANCE TO SERVE MEN, SAYS WILSON

President Declares He Envis The Men Who Fought to Preserve Liberty MAKES A STIRRING MEMORIAL ADDRESS

"A Free Nation Espousing the Cause of Liberty," He Characterizes America's Part--United States Will Show Herself Greater Than Ever.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 30.--President Wilson, speaking today at memorial exercises in Arlington cemetery, declared the time has come for action by this Nation, and that he had no fear of the part America would play in the great world war.

"In the providence of God," he said, "America once more has an opportunity to show the world that she was born to serve mankind." The President declared that while on such a day as this could be without sorrow, he looked rather with envy on those who served their country in the Civil War because their work of liberty is accomplished.

The President said: "The program has conferred an unmerited dignity upon the remarks I am going to make by calling them an address, because I am not here to deliver an address. I am here merely to show in my official capacity the sympathy of this great government with the object of this occasion, and also to speak just a word of the sentiment that is in my own heart."

"Any Memorial Day of this sort is, of course, a day touched with sorrowful memory, and yet I for one do not see how we can have any thought of pity for the men whose memory we honor today. I do not pity them. I envy them, rather, because their's is a great work for liberty accomplished and we are in the midst of a work unfinished, testing our strength where their strength has already been tested. There is a touch of sorrow, but there is a touch of reassurance also in a day like this, because we know the men of America have responded to the call of the cause of liberty and it fills our mind with a perfect assurance that that response will come again in equal measure, with equal majesty, and with a result which will hold the attention of all mankind."

"When you reflect upon it, these men who died to preserve the Union, died to preserve the instrument which we are now using to serve the world--a free nation, espousing the cause of human liberty. In one sense the great struggle into which we have now entered is an American struggle, because it is in the sense of American honor and American rights, but it is something even greater than that: it is a world struggle. It is a struggle of men who love liberty everywhere, and in this cause America will show herself greater than ever, because she will rise to a greater thing. We have said in the beginning that we planned this great Government that men who wish freedom might have a place of refuge and a place where their hope could be realized and now, having established such a Government, having preserved such a Government, having indicated the power of such a Government, we are saying to all mankind: 'We did not set this Government up in order that we might have a selfish and separate liberty, for we are now ready to come to your assistance and fight out upon the fields of the world the cause of human liberty.' In this thing America attains her full dignity and the full fruition of her great purpose."

"No man can be glad that such things have happened as we have witnessed in these last fateful years, but perhaps it may be permitted to us to be glad that we have an opportunity to show the principles that we profess to living, principles that live in our hearts and to have a chance by the pouring out of our blood and treasure to vindicate the things which we have professed. For, my friends, the real fruition of life is to do the things we have said we wished to do. There are only action seems great. Such a time God, America and in the providence of God, America will once more have an opportunity to show to the world that she was born to serve mankind."

EAST ST. LOUIS QUIET; NEGROES LEAVING
(By Associated Press.) East St. Louis, May 30.--After daybreak there was no sign of disturbances here. Negroes continued to leave the city in considerable numbers.

MEMORIAL DAY IS BEING OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OCEAN

Colors of American Legion in Canadian Contingent Placed in St. Paul's, London

CONFEDERATE CAPITAL OBSERVES THE DAY

"Boys in Grey" Marched in Parade in The South--New York Has Great Celebration--Graves of Union Soldiers Decorated at State Capital.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 30.--It was like another America day at St. Paul's today when the colors of the American Legion in the Canadian contingent were placed beside the altar to remain there until after the war. There were five flags, one from each battalion--the 97th, 211th, 212th, 213th and 237th. They were escorted to the cathedral by 500 Canadian soldiers.

As the troops passed the central aisle the crowd which filled the edifice sang, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord," and later, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

At the conclusion of the service the "Star-Spangled Banner" was sung, followed by "God Save the King." The service was attended by Ambassador Page, Consul General Skinner, high officers of the Canadian forces and physicians and nurses from the Red Cross units which have arrived here most recently from St. Louis and Philadelphia. A large silk flag of the 87th battalion has the place of honor surrounded by smaller flags of the other four battalions.

Tar Heel Capital Observes Day.
Raleigh, N. C., May 30.--Graves of federal soldiers throughout the State were decorated today, but while Memorial Day generally was observed as a holiday, few organized celebrations were held.

Confederate "Vet" the Orator.
Richmond, Va., May 30.--The Rev. Richard Ferguson, of Emporia, who was a member of Pickett's original brigade, was the Confederate Memorial Day orator here this afternoon, following a parade through the principal streets, participated in by several thousand soldiers and cadets. The exercises took place on Holly Wood cemetery, where Jefferson Davis is buried.

At 10:45 this morning exercises were held in the Seven Pines National Cemetery, many Richmonders, including G. A. R. veterans, their children and grandchildren participating. This (Continued on Page Three).

TODAY'S MORNING GAMES.

American League.
Boston 4; Washington 3.
Detroit 4; Cleveland 1.
St. Louis-Chicago, rain.
New York 6; Philadelphia 0.

National League.
New York 3-6; Philadelphia 2-0.
Brooklyn 0; Boston 4.
Chicago 6; Pittsburgh 5.

International League.
At Rochester 7, Montreal 1.
At Providence 5, Baltimore 3.
At Buffalo 4, Toronto 3.
Only three scheduled.

American Association.
At Toledo 3, Louisville 5.
At Columbus 8, Indianapolis 2.
At St. Paul-Minneapolis, rain.
Only three scheduled.

THINKS RUSSIA WILL BE LOYAL

(By Associated Press.) Tokyo, May 30.--"I am immensely satisfied with conditions in Russia, including Siberia," said Prof. Boris Bakmeteff, the new Russian Ambassador to the United States, on arriving here yesterday. "I think the new regime is carrying on the work of organization successfully and will soon be able to launch an offensive against the enemy." Prof. Bakmeteff is at the head of a special commission of forty on its way to the United States. He repudiated the idea that his country would make a separate peace.

VILLA MAKES SURPRISE ATTACK.

(By Associated Press.) Presidio, Texas, May 30.--A Villa force attacked Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite here, early today, surprising the Mexican government soldiers in the garrison and causing them to flee to the American side, leaving their arms in Mexico. All women and children at Ojinaga fled across the line into Texas when the attack started.

RUNNING DOWN ANTI-DRAFT PLOT

Men and Women Being Taken Into Custody on Conspiracy Charges

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 30.--An important angle of the anti-draft plots was uncovered in Milwaukee, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, division superintendent of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice on his return from that city today. Several suspects were detained and questioned in the Wisconsin city and one of the results is said to have been a decision to send ten additional operatives there.

More than 30 persons including several women, suspected of conspiring to interfere with army registration next Tuesday were taken to the Federal building during last night and questioned, and many others are expected to be taken into custody today by government operatives.

FIRST DIRIGIBLE FOR AMERICAN NAVY

Makes Successful Initial Trial Trip of Five Hundred Miles.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 30.--The first of the dirigible balloons, being built for the navy, much after the pattern of the British "Blimps" made an entirely successful flight yesterday from Chicago to Akron, Ohio. Leaving Chicago at noon, she landed without mishap at Akron, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon making an airline distance of about 500 miles.

BIG WAGE INCREASE BY L. & N. RAILROAD

(By Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., May 30.--Wage increases involving approximately \$1,320,000 a year have been granted to over 8,000 shopmen and foremen in the employ of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, whose nine hour day was reduced to 8, according to an announcement today. The pay of machinists and boiler men was increased from 42 to 48 cents an hour. Car repair men, helpers and apprentices shared in the increase, which ranges from 2 1/2 cents an hour to 4 cents.

REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO. INCREASES ITS CAPITAL.

(By Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, N. C., May 30.--R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company today issued notice to stockholders announcing an increase of \$5,000,000 in capital stock, the new issue to be fifty thousand shares of \$100 each of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock of company. All of the new stock is offered to holders of common stock. This will give the company a capital of twenty million dollars, ten being common and ten preferred.

ABSENT VOTERS IN THIS STATE ENFRANCHISED

Secretary of State Preparing Blanks For Them Under New Law.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF A. & E. COLLEGE

Degrees Conferred--State Board of Elections Appointed--Satisfactory Statements by State Banks

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, May 30.--Colonel Wilson G. Lambe, chairman of the State Board of Elections, is here assisting the Secretary of State's office in getting out registration blanks for absentee voters. The last General Assembly arranged for such voting by an act that will give absentees the privileges of citizenship. It did not arrange for registering, but safeguarded the ballot by providing that absentees shall go away in good faith before they can vote. They must prepare beforehand for their privileges. Nearly 3,000 North Carolinians lost their votes last year on the border and the Tenth district row was heightened by the absence of voters who would have made the result decisive. The blanks are going out from the Secretary's office today and will be extensively used by the soldiers who are being called to training camps. All absentees, of course, will be permitted to register and vote under this act.

Governor Bickett has reappointed the board of elections composed of Colonel Lambe, R. T. Claywell, of Morganton, J. W. Pass, of Yadkinville, Democrats, and Clarence Call of North Wilkesboro, and W. J. Davis, of Hendersonville.

The State chartered today the Southern Land and Timber Company, of Kingston, a quarter of a million dollar corporation that begins business with \$200,000 paid in by R. C. Strong, William Hayes and Orin Weeks and the Eastern Carolina Land and Lumber Company.

The Elizabeth City Shipyard Company is chartered with \$10,000 of its \$100,000 paid in. It will do a general business in shipping and fitting out vessels. R. B. Cotter and J. C. B. Eringhaus, of Elizabeth City, and R. W. Cotter, of New York City, are the incorporators.

The regular bank statement issued by the Corporation Commission yesterday shows growing health, and total resources for the period ending May 1 reveal a gain of \$23,406,790.05 over last year. There are 442 banks in the State and in all of the departments that are indicative of health it is shown. Deposits increased more than \$10,000,000 in the checking accounts, and both demand certificates of deposit and savings accounts went up nearly \$3,000,000 each. The whole business is flattering.

Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, closing the commencement ceremonies at State College of Agriculture and Engineering, yesterday, made one of the best speed records in college final history when he quit in 23 minutes and a few seconds.

The opening exercises at the State college consisted of senior orations. The class had been declaimed by the war's call and only 25 of the 85 were present. The orators were left in larger proportion, three remaining for the speaking contest. "A Satisfying Rural Life" was the theme of A. S. Cline. "The A. & M. Spirit and the Present Crisis," subject of R. W. McGeachy, and "Government Ownership of Railroads," the text that gave W. K. Scott, the opportunity to win the medal which was presented by Charles W. Gold, of Greensboro.

Mr. Scott has been away, too, but he has been teaching Robeson county people how to prepare things at home that will save the world at the front and supply the people at home. Young Cline had a fine speech, which he did not put over with quite the art that it deserved; McGeachy presented a good round table college talk in superb style, and Scott offered the worn-out academic theme in thought and speaking well proportioned. He won without serious debate among the people and received a beautiful gold medal. W. A. Erwin, of West Durham, presented the medal offered by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, and M. A. Stough, of Cornelius, took it.

National Committeeman Wilton McLean presented Mr. Morgenthau in a speech just half the length of the address itself, but the Lumberton lawyer had a good subject for conversation.

Following the announcement of scholarship honors and those going to the classes, the graduates were presented and their degrees conferred. The absentees received their awards along with the others. The following were announced:

Bachelors of Science--In Agriculture: John Welsford Artz, John William Aver, John Robin Bauman, Tyler Yates Blanton, Almon Hill Carter, Ambrose Schenck Cline, Minar Cecil Donnell, William Henry Elliot, Arthur Crawford Foster, John Wade Hendricks, Edward Holland Holton, William Ransom Hoots, John Eli Ivey, Paul Worth Johnson, Carl James Kirby, Joseph Lee, Jr., Henry (Continued on Page Two.)

ENEMY GUESSING WHERE THE ALLIES WILL STRIKE NEXT

Quiet Along Western Front--Indicates Preparation For Another Great Battle

EMPEROR WILLIAM ADDRESSES SOLDIERS

Artillery Duels and Small Counter Attacks Only Activities--Italians Still Pushing Forward

There has come such a pronounced pause in the major activities of the great war as to give the impression that preparation for a new phase in the development of the conflict may be in progress.

Only on the Austro-Italian front where General Cadorna is determined pushing his campaign for Trieste is any sustained offensive movement going on. Three great battles which developed last month on the front in northern France have come to a halt. Even counter attacks by the Germans have virtually ceased along the British front, while on the French front they have lessened in number and violence. The recent pronounced aerial activity also has subsided.

When the next blow is to be delivered can only be surmised. Indications are multiplying that the Germans are looking for some new development. They have mentioned the Russo-Rumanian front as the places of expected attacks. The trend of the news from the Entente side of that front, however, has not been such as to lead to the belief that an effective stroke could be delivered upon the Teutonic lines there at present.

Emperor William in addressing his troops on the front in northern France recently exhorted them to stand fast in the decisive time he pictured "near at hand." Apparently thus, a renewal of the Franco-British attack, possibly on a larger scale than ever, is anticipated.

As for some time recently, the fighting on the western front yesterday and last night was of a local character. London reports only trench raids, Paris announces the repulse of a German attack on a narrow front near Mont Blond in the Champagne and an important raid by the French at the famous Hill 304 in the Verdun region.

Further Italian Gains.

Rome, (Via London), May 30.--(3:50 p. m.)--Further gains by the Italians on the Trieste front is announced in today's official statement. The Italian lines have been extended west of Medezza.

Heavy Artillery Firing.

Paris, May 30.--Violent artillery firing occurred on the French line south of St. Quentin during the night, according to an official statement issued by the French war office this morning. A German attack at Mont Blond in Champagne was repulsed, the Germans leaving dead and wounded on the field.

German Raids Repulsed.

London, May 30.--Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night in the neighborhood of Fontaine-Croisilles and west of Lens, says today's war office report. "South of Neuve Chapelle, our patrols entered the enemy's trenches and inflicted casualties. Nothing else of special interest occurred."

MANY YOUNG MEN CROSSING BORDER

Passing Into Mexico Daily--Supposedly to Avoid Draft Registration.

(By Associated Press.) Laredo, Texas, May 30.--Federal officials here today disclosed the fact that from 15 to 20 young Americans with but little baggage, but carrying plenty of money and apparently of good family, were crossing into Mexico daily.

They go south ostensibly to mine, prospect for oil or pursue other occupations for which they apparently are not trained, and officials believe they are leaving the United States to avoid conscription. Most of the young men are from Eastern States.

A full description is taken of each American leaving the country, for future identification. Keeping Sharp Lookout. Tallahassee, Fla., May 30.--Sheriffs in Florida counties having ports from which vessels sail to Cuba, today, on instructions from Governor Catts, were keeping a sharp watch for young men sailing who might be leaving to avoid conscription. The Governor's instructions include the statement that such practice has been called to his attention.

SUPREME COURT DECISION MAKES ALL LAWS SAFE

State Tribunal Declares The Amendments to Constitution Effective Jan. 10.

NOT OF NOVEMBER DATE, AS CONTENTED

Court Also Decides Vital Case That Gives Health Board More Money--Recess Until June 9th.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, May 30.--The Supreme Court, adjourning today till June 9th, settled the questions as to the effectiveness of the four constitutional amendments by ruling unanimously they date from January 10th, instead of November 7th, as Attorney General Manning had construed the act.

The Durham case seeking overthrow of amendments to forestall issue of quarter million water bonds furnished the case today.

Judge Walker writes exhaustive opinion, holding every contention with the defendant's city.

The court also decides important case in which the State Treasurer is authorized to pay for extension work in the Department of Health \$10,000 annually. Judge Manning had ruled that this act, passed two years ago, was automatically suspended by the act providing \$2,500 annually for six years. The court holds against Attorney General Manning's work thereby gets \$20,000 from the State and \$20,000 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

THE ACCIDENT ON THE MONGOLIA

Report on Cause--To Prevent Repetition--No Blame on Any One

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 30.--To make impossible any repetition of the recent unprecedented accident on the American steamer Mongolia, in which two Red Cross nurses were killed, the brass type of powder cups used in American naval guns for a score of years is to be abandoned for wood or fiber substitutes.

In making public last night a report of a special investigating board which exonerated the naval guard on the Mongolia and attributed the accident to an unexplainable deflection at right angles of a portion of a brass powder cup, Secretary Daniels announced that while a similar tragedy "might not occur again in another twenty years, yet we do not propose to take the risk."

Beyond saying that wooden disks or possibly fiber mouth cups would be substituted for the brass type, the Secretary did not reveal the plans of the ordinance of officials. The change will be a sweeping one, for great quantities of shells of the kind used on the Mongolia are being supplied through merchant ships and at the vessels of the navy itself carrying small calibre guns.

The special board of inquiry which was headed by Captain F. A. Wilner, retired, found that the blame for the Mongolia accident apparently rested solely on the type of gun cup, the cups used being perfect and the gunners without fault. Attached to the report was a statement by Rear Admiral Earle, chief of ordnance, emphasizing that the shells were of a new lot, carefully inspected, put on the Mongolia after removal of the old ammunition responsible for previous accidents, and of a type adopted by the navy after extensive research and heretofore regarded as absolutely safe.

GIANT LIQUOR RAID MADE IN RICHMOND

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., May 30.--Probably the largest liquor raid since the State went dry was made today when police seized about 500 or more quarts of whiskey in a leading hotel. The liquor is reported to be worth about \$2,000. The police have seized 2,500 quarts of whiskey here this month.

The whiskey was seized in the Lexington Hotel, State Prohibition Commissioner J. Sidney Peters had a hand in the big capture. No arrests have as yet been made.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

On page seven of today's Dispatch will be found a reproduction of the registration blank which will be used on June 5th. It contains all the questions that must be answered, and will prove interesting, as well as enlightening reading.

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