

YOUR COUNTRY'S CALL AND NEED--BE PATRIOTIC AND BUY A LIBERTY BOND

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina: Fair tonight; Wednesday, local thunder showers. South Carolina: Probably fair tonight and Wednesday.

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AMERICANS RUSHING TO THEIR DUTY

REGISTRATION DAY MEETS WITH READY ACTION BY NATION

From All Parts of The Country Come Reports of Much Enthusiasm. SOUTH TO THE FORE WITH A BIG RUSH. In Many Towns Big Pageants Mark The Day—Unable as Yet to Tell Result of The Registration—Washington Thinks It Will Reach Expectations. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 5.—Registration was proceeding generally without disturbance throughout the country, and the few arrests reported were construed by officials not as evidence of any effective organized resistance, but rather as sporadic affairs to be expected in an undertaking of such magnitude and importance. Weather generally was fair and incoming reports indicated a healthy registration during the early hours and continuing as the day passed on. The extent of evasion will not be known until complete returns are assembled, but officials are confident it will be negligible. For Registration and Liberty Bonds. Columbia, S. C., June 5.—Practical every civic and patriotic organization today is assisting in marshaling young men for registration and wage a whirlwind campaign for the sale of Liberty bonds. The registration booths this morning were opened and the clangor of bells and the shrill clarion of numberless whistles, and have been packed throughout the morning with whites and negroes. As each man registered he is tagged by a girl with a card bearing the slogan, "I have done my duty by registering; have you done yours by buying a Liberty bond?" Richmond School Children Working. Richmond, Va., June 5.—Twenty-eight thousand public school children are giving registration here. They are given holiday and are distributing notices among their parents showing that any man between 21 and 31 who fails to register will be put in jail and compelled to register. Negroes are registering in large numbers. Hundreds of white and colored men were at the precincts early. First on Tampa's Roll. Tampa, Fla., June 5.—A. Cuesta, Jr., whose father is a native of Spain, was first to register at one of the local registration places. Mr. Cuesta was there at 6:30 o'clock. His firm, Cuesta, Day & Co., took \$50,000 of the Liberty Bonds recently. New York Ready for Trouble. New York, June 5.—Called to their duty by whistles on factories and the shipping in the harbor, New York's young men thronged to the registration places early, standing in lines outside the booths when work began at 7 o'clock. The booths were guarded by police and members of the Home Defense League, in districts populated by foreign-born classes. Federal agents and city detectives patrolled the streets and in the armories 10,000 National Guardsmen were kept on duty while the regulars were held in readiness in the army posts about New York. Chicago's Unanimous Response. Chicago, June 5.—The names of approximately 300,000 potential soldiers under the army draft law. At the opening of the polls where men between 21 and 31 years of age will enlist themselves among the country's defenders, Federal and city officials expressed confidence that there would be a virtually unanimous response to (Continued on page eight.)

TROUBLE REPORTED IN MICHIGAN. (By Associated Press.) Lansing, Mich., June 6.—Governor Sleeper today wired orders to the commanding officer of Company M, 33rd Michigan Infantry, at Marquette, to hurry to Escanaba, a nearby mining town, with 25 National Guardsmen. Reports from Negawane to the Governor said that I. W. W. agitators there were threatening to forcibly oppose registration.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS IN BRAZIL WATERS. (By Associated Press.) Rio Janeiro, Monday, June 5.—The Chamber of Deputies voted today on the motion of Deputy Mauricio Lacerda, to authorize the cabling of a message of congratulations to the Congress of the United States on the arrival of an American squadron. Deputy Henrique Coelho Netto delivered an address of welcome to the American squadron. He proposed that as an unusual mark of honor to the free American people in their struggle in the defense of the right there be appointed a commission of 21 deputies to visit the squadron, and that the commission include distinguished representatives of the military. Relieving Allies' Navy. Washington, June 5.—The foregoing dispatch from Rio is the published steps in the plan of relieving British and French cruisers in the waters of the western hemisphere with American warships. For the present the Navy Department withholds further information or comment upon it.

BRITISH SQUADRON DRIVES OFF ENEMY; GERMAN SHIP SUNK

Light Cruisers Engage Six German Destroyers at Long Range.

ONE DESTROYED AND ANOTHER DAMAGED

British Report No Casualties—German Naval Base at Ostend, on Belgian Coast, Bombarded by Warships, Admiralty Announces.

London, June 5.—A German destroyer has been sunk and another damaged in a running fight between six German destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron, the admiralty announces. The text of the admiralty announcement reads: "The vice admiral at Dover reports that the enemy naval base and workshops at Ostend were heavily bombarded in the early hours this morning. A large number of rounds were fired with good result. The enemy shore batteries returned our fire, but our bombarding forces suffered no damage. Commodore Tyrwhitt also reports that early this morning a force of light cruisers and destroyers under his command sighted six German destroyers and engaged them at long range in a running fight. One of the enemy destroyers, the S-20, was sunk by our gunfire and another severely damaged. Seven survivors from the S-20 have been picked up and made prisoners. There were no casualties on our side." The German naval base at Ostend on the Belgian coast has been bombarded by British warships, the admiralty announces. The British forces were undamaged.

ALSACE-LORRAINE TO BE RESTORED FRENCH NATION

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A RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT

Adopted by The Chamber of Deputies in Secret Session by Overwhelming Majority.

Paris, June 5.—By a vote of 453 to 56 the chamber of deputies in secret session has adopted a resolution declaring that peace conditions must include the liberation of territories occupied by Germany, the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France and just reparation for damage done in the invaded regions. The resolution, which was accepted by the government, also favors the creation of a league of nations for the maintenance of peace. The secret session which was adjourned from Saturday continued all yesterday afternoon and evening until midnight. When the doors were thrown open to the public shortly after midnight, President Paul Deschanel read four resolutions which had been submitted. One was drawn by Deputies (Continued on page eight.)

SERIOUS RIOTING IN PENITENTIARY

Convicts at Joliet Revolt and Set Fire to Buildings—Troops Called Out.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, June 5.—Rioting in the State prison at Joliet, 40 miles from Chicago, was reported today. A. L. Bowen, temporary warden, telegraphed to Governor Lowden, asking for the militia. Three fires were set in the prison, it was reported. Convicts Revolt. Joliet, Ills., June 5.—Serious rioting among convicts at the state prison here broke out this morning. Five buildings were set on fire. Companies E and F of the First Illinois Infantry, now in Federal Service and encamped here were called to assist the guards in quelling the disturbance. The first work of the soldiers was to clear the convicts away from the blazing buildings so that the firemen could work. This was quickly accomplished. At 11:14, three hours after the trouble started, the convicts had not been subdued, but the soldiers were making progress in herding them toward the cell rooms. The infantrymen were instructed not to shoot unless to save their own lives. Prince Udine Better. Washington, June 5.—The condition of Prince Udine, head of the Italian mission whose sudden illness yesterday indefinitely postponed the mission's tour of the south and middle-west, was today reported to have improved considerably.

THE TWO THOUSAND MARK WAS PASSED EARLY AFTERNOON

Estimates of Officials Knocked Into Cocked Hat—Negroes Are Registering Splendidly. RIBBON BADGES GAVE OUT BEFORE NOON. Double Precincts Fifth Ward Leading Although First Ward Claims The Real Honors.

With the double precincts Fifth ward far out in advance of the remaining five the work of registering the flower of Wilmington for military service under the selective draft system was progressing in a splendid manner at 1 o'clock this afternoon with every indication that the total registration would be far in advance of what had been expected. The ribbon badges that were prepared by a corps of workers from the National Special Aid Society and which were given those who registered ran short by several hundred, although 1,600 were prepared for the occasion. Approximately two thousand eligibles had registered in the seven precincts at 1 o'clock, this number being in excess of what had been expected during the entire day. Chief registrars at the various precincts stated that the negroes had come forward in a splendid manner and attributed the overplus of unexpected eligibles to the activity of the negroes in registering. Little could be learned concerning what was transpiring in the county, although the two precincts heard from indicate that the farmer boys are responding nobly to the president's request and placing their destinies in the hands of a government which they have every cause to trust and believe in. Absolutely no disorder has prevailed at any of the precincts in the city up until early afternoon, and there was nothing to indicate that there was any desire on the part of any eligible to escape registration. The registrars worked swiftly all morning and yet there is an opinion with many, especially in the county, that it will be impossible to finish the work today because of the fact that New Hanover contains so very many more eligibles than had been figured on.

The fact that the ribbon sashes gave out caused many a heartache among the colored registrants, for without exception every negro who registered wanted a badge to show friends, both white and colored, that he had complied with the request of President Wilson and stood ready to render any service within his power. The fathers gotten out by the Wilmington Sashes and Trust Company and placed at the various precincts to be given registrants for the purpose of protecting their certificates gave out early in the morning. Registration Day, the most momentous day in the history of the American nation since that earnest body of men affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence, and the little Philadelphia shouted "is lading." "Ring, grandfather, ring" is passing, and the desire to register on the part of the eligibles of New Hanover should serve as a warning to Germany that America stands as one man in the cause of democracy and freedom. The day dawned with lowering clouds and only occasionally during the morning did the sun break from behind rifts of clouds and smile down on a people preparing to march forth to the assistance of France—the France that tipped the scales in the favor of America in the first war the country ever participated in. But the clouds and the rain did not dampen the enthusiasm that was felt and the young men hastened to the polls through the rain to place themselves at the disposal of the nation. Soldier boys from Fort Caswell have been in the city, and they, not satisfied with their tank uniforms, went to various precincts and inquired the chances for securing one of the ribbon badges. They made no effort to hinder registration, however; they only wanted badges. The following telegram was sent by Mayor P. Q. Moore this morning: "Adjutant General Royster, Raleigh, N. C. "Wilmington ushered in the day with church services, bell ringing and whistle blowing. Registration proceeding with precision and promptness. A large number registering. PARKER QUINCE MOORE, Mayor." It was impossible to hear from but two of the county precincts, although the general understanding from reports that filtered in, at odd moments was that the registration was heavy—much heavier than had been expected. Two precincts heard from were:

SHOT TO DEATH BY POSSE. (By Associated Press.) Fort Worth, Texas, June 5.—E. H. Fulcher, said to be a member of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association of America, who had hidden himself in the woods, heavily armed, for the announced purpose of resisting conscription, was shot and killed near Midway yesterday by a posse of officers from Hood and Palo Pinto counties, it was learned here today.

MAKING HEADWAY AGAINST SUBMARINES

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 5.—On 28 occasions last month, French merchantmen came in contact with submarines. Six vessels escaped from torpedoes and 12 from gunfire. Eight torpedo attacks and two attacks with guns resulted in the sinking of vessels. Twelve engagements occurred in May between French torpedo boats and submarines. French hydroplanes had 14 fights with submarines, and French patrol ships 3 such engagements.

ATTEMPT TO KILL GENERAL WOOD.

(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., June 5.—It was learned here today that an attempt was made to wreck the Alabama Great Southern train, which bore General Leonard Wood from Chattanooga to Birmingham last night. Passengers on the train confirmed a report that a large log was tied across the track about four miles south of Chattanooga. The log was placed on the track on a high embankment, it was said. The train, which was due to arrive in Birmingham at 10:25 p. m., did not reach the city until after midnight. Officers accompanying General Wood declined to comment on the affair, but passengers on the train confirmed the report.

PATRIOTISM HIGH AT RE-UNION OF THE OLD SOLDIERS

IMMENSE ARMY ON DUTY TODAY

Over Hundred Thousand Men Ready to Enforce Registration Law. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 5.—Department of Justice officials said today that, at a low estimate, an army of 100,000 Federal, State and local employees are enforcing the registration law throughout the country. The entire corps of special agents of the department are concentrating their energies on the work and have special instructions to immediately arrest anyone attempting to interfere with registration or seeking to persuade others to evade registration. The government has instructed these agents to call to their assistance if necessary any Federal, State or local authorities.

AIRSHIP ATTACK IN PROGRESS.

(By Associated Press.) London, June 5.—Official announcement is made that an aeroplane raid is now in progress over the Thames estuary. One German airplane is reported to have been brought down. Bombs were dropped over Essex and Kent.

OLD NORTH STATE NOBLY RESPONDING TO NATION'S CALL

Indications Point to Heavy Registration of Young Men Everywhere. NO DISORDERS HAVE OCCURRED SO FAR. In Many Places Ladies Are at The Registration Places to Cheer and Pin Badges of Honor on The Boys—Religious Services Held. (By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., June 5.—A national guardsman was stationed today at registration places throughout the State, wherever possible, to explain to eligibles what registration means and to stimulate recruiting for the guards. Registration places in Raleigh and nearby cities were crowded when the registrars began their work, and registration proceeded rapidly. Mammoth Parade at Greensboro. Greensboro, N. C., June 5.—The greatest street pageant in the history of the city, followed by patriotic exercises today featured an unusual display of patriotism in honor of the selective conscription registration. Hundreds of men, children and members of fraternal, military and civic organizations took part. Whites and negroes crowded the registering polls early. Over Hundred Have Registered. (Long Distance Phone to The Dispatch.) Southport, June 5.—Up to noon today one hundred and three men had registered in Southport, and of this number sixty-two were whites. Some of those who registered have already enlisted in the naval service, but wanted to make assurance double sure. Reports from the county at large yesterday showed great enthusiasm and indications for a full registration in Brunswick. The people are taking the matter of registration seriously, as all good citizens should. Last night there was a patriotic meeting at the Court House, which was largely attended. A number of songs were sung, and several short talks were made. This morning at 6 o'clock a number gathered at the Methodist church for prayer. All of the pastors of the town made short talks. It is not expected that there will be a single young man in all Brunswick who will fail to register. Sentiment is united one way—and the young men are arranging to enroll today. Some of them have already joined the colors. This afternoon there will be a meeting of the Red Cross and other organizations. The Southport Red Cross will be ready to furnish beds and bandages in case there should be a bombardment of Fort Caswell, and bandages and other supplies will be sent to Red Cross headquarters. Quickly Responding in Robeson. (Special to The Dispatch.) Lumberton, N. C., June 5.—Registration Day passed off quietly in Robeson, those of military age, both white and colored, responding in large numbers to the call. A large number of registrars have been busy in Lumberton township ever since the registration booths opened at 7 o'clock. Indications point to registration of several hundred in this township alone. Bladen to the Front. (Special to The Dispatch.) Clarkton, N. C., June 5.—Military registration in this and adjoining precincts is progressing satisfactorily. Eligibles from remote sections are responding readily. Few answers indicate desire for evasion. Ladies Pin on Badges. (Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, N. C., June 5.—The registration is quiet with no disturbances. The men are patriotic and every one eligible is registering. There is music with ladies in attendance placing badges on the young men. Impressive Occasion. (Special to The Dispatch.) Wallace, N. C., June 5.—The registration is going on quietly, with 100 by noon. Arm bands are being pinned on by Boy Scouts and representatives of women's clubs. Prayer services for peace, were conducted by pastors in (Continued on page eight.)

SIGNS POINTING TO BIG OFFENSIVE ON BRITISH FRONT

Big Guns Increase Their Thunder While French Raids Become Frequent. ARTILLERY DUEL NOW IN PROGRESS.

Entente Hopes Raised in Connection With Russia-German Press Gloomy About Austria's Course. All the familiar signs which herald a great offensive are reported from the British front in France. The thunder of the British guns increases day by day in volume, while trench raids and other feintings for positions multiply in number. The most interesting feature in the meagre official reports is the repeated announcement of a tremendous artillery duel in progress around the little Belgian village of Wyttschaete, about 15 miles south of Ypres. From this point as far south as Vimy ridge, 30 miles away, the guns are roaring day and night, apparently indicating that General Haig has chosen this wide sector for his next big blow. General Maurice, director-general of military operations, predicted some (Continued on Page Three.)