

## HOSPITALS BACK OF LINES ARE BOMBED BY GERMAN AIRMEN

Hundreds of Patients and Personnel Killed and Wounded

NURSES BRAVE DANGERS

Squadron of Enemy Planes Perpetrate Horror Last Sunday Night

ATTACK DURING NIGHT

Captain of Hun Machine, Captured, Claimed He Never Saw Red Cross Signs—Only After Military Objectives

With the British Army in France, May 23.—German airmen again have bombed heavily British hospitals in the area behind the lines and this time have killed and wounded some hundreds among the personnel and patients of many different hospitals in the group.

Recorded in the casualty list are the names of several sisters, who, with other women nurses, stood bravely by their posts throughout a terrific deluge of explosives.

There is in the neighborhood one large American hospital and another in which there are American workers, but neither of these appears to have suffered. Last summer a number of American doctors and nurses were killed and wounded when these same hospitals were raided by the Germans.

This latest horror was perpetrated Sunday night, apparently by four squadrons of enemy planes, which appear to have comprised more than a score of machines. A great number of bombs were dropped, about 30 per cent of them huge affairs, which dug vast craters in the hospital grounds and the rest high explosive shrapnel shells which sent their death-dealing bullets tearing in every direction through the crowded hospital tents and buildings.

A three-seated airplane was brought down by gun fire while flying at a low altitude, and the occupants were made prisoners. The enemy captain and the pilot sustained comparatively light shrapnel wounds while the observer was not hurt. When questioned why he had directed his men against hospitals, the captain explained in a matter of fact way that he did not see the Red Cross signs. He said he was seeking military objectives and had no desire to molest hospitals.

With a shrug of his shoulders, the German captain added that if the British choose to build their hospitals near railways they must expect to get them bombed.

The captain spoke excellent English. Asked where he had learned it, he replied that he had been in diplomatic service before the war.

Sunday night's raid was divided into two phases, the first of which began shortly after 10 o'clock and lasted until 11 o'clock. Not satisfied with this, the enemy returned and heavily bombed hospitals filled with wounded men. In one building, which was damaged most seriously, all the patients were suffering from compound fractures, which made necessary their being strapped in the air. Not a woman deserted her ward, but through-out the terrible bombing each one kept going her rounds and quieting the unfortunate men who might easily have done themselves lasting harm by springing from their beds.

One sister was killed while administering to the soldier's wants and another was so seriously hurt that she died shortly afterward. Still another was dying today.

## SOUTHERN'S SHOP MEN WANT ABNEY REMOVED

Chief Counsel of Road Denies Statement Made by McMaster

Columbia, S. C., May 23.—The Columbia Southern shops federation, composed of 500 railroad men, this morning passed resolutions urging the removal as chief counsel in this state of the Southern railway of Benjamin L. Abney, who is alleged by the president of the Columbia Red Cross chapter to have told Red Cross solicitors that he had not a "damn cent" for the Red Cross. The resolution will be forwarded this afternoon by the secretary of the federation to W. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads. The Columbia city federation of trades last night adopted a similar resolution. Abney has issued a statement in which he says the statement attributed to President McMaster as a report being made to the committee, which solicited a subscription "as it stands and as it is being intended to induce the ideas which he wishes to convey, is utterly untrue."

## BIG U. S. HOSPITAL ESCAPED AIR RAID

Hun Frightfulness Again Been Vented on British Patients

BATTLEFRONT IS QUIET

No Heavy Fighting in Six Weeks Between Arras and Somme

RAIDING QUIETED DOWN

To Rear of German Lines British Bomb Squadrons Visited Number of Places and Fires Started

German frightfulness again has been vented upon patients and workers in British hospitals behind the battle line in northern France.

Some hundreds of patients and members of the hospital staffs were killed and wounded Sunday night by bombs dropped by German airmen. Although one large American hospital was near the bombed area, it escaped damage.

The captured captain of an enemy airplane which took part in the bombing of the hospitals said he did not see the Red Cross sign. He added, however, that if the British built their hospitals near the railway they must expect to get them bombed.

Infantry operations on the western front continue at a minimum and neither side gives any indication that intensive fighting is about to be resumed. The artillery fire is normal on the various sectors. In the air, however, the hostilities are at a high pitch, as they have been for the past week or more.

Between Arras and the Somme, where there has been no heavy fighting in six weeks, the British and Germans are carrying out raids evidently for the purpose of gaining information as to their opponent's plans. North of Albert the Germans have been repulsed in an attempt to rush the British positions southeast of Mesnil. Further north Field Marshal Haig's men continue their raids and have penetrated the enemy lines near Hebuterne as well as at other points southwest of Arras.

On the French front and on the American sectors, as on the British front, the lull is unbroken and even raiding has quieted down.

British airplanes are harassing seriously German airdromes and billets behind the lines in Flanders and Picardy. The Germans are seeking unavailingly to check the British and in aerial fighting Tuesday 18 enemy machines, 16 of which were accounted for by the British. At night the enemy is raiding behind the British lines and two of his machines were brought down by gunfire Tuesday.

Far to the rear of the German lines British bombing squadrons have visited eastern Belgium and the river Rhine. Three fires resulted from bombs dropped on a chloride factory at Mannheim and large conflagrations were caused on railway property near Liege, Belgium. Bombs also were dropped on railway stations at Metz and Thionville.

Northwest of Toul, American aviators are busily engaged, but although they took part in several aerial contests Wednesday, no more enemy machines have been brought down.

Lively fighting continues in the mountains of Northern Italy with the Italian and British troops on the offensive. Along the Piave the artillery firing has increased.

## \$52,150,396 RED CROSS FUND RAISED

Washington, May 23.—Reports to Red Cross headquarters today total of actual contributions to \$52,150,396 in the drive for a second \$100,000,000 Red Cross war fund. The total by divisions include:

Atlantic division \$17,514,176; Gulf division \$1,478,989; Southern division \$2,026,660.

Rumors Are Denied.

London, May 23.—Rumors of a recent attempt on the lives of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff are denied in a Berlin dispatch to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of The Morning Post.

Killed in Their Beds.

New Orleans, May 23.—Joseph Maglio, 39, saloonkeeper and merchant, and his wife, were killed in their beds here early today, the bodies having been cut to pieces with an axe. The police, who described the crime as one of the most brutal ever committed here, believe that robbery was the motive.

## AMERICANS ARRIVING IN PARIS



WHEN AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARRIVE.



WHEN AMERICAN TRAINED NURSES ARRIVE.



WHEN AMERICAN UNTRAINED WORKERS ARRIVE.

## CHATHAM HOME GUARDS FIND VALDOSTA QUIET

During Fight Last Night Negro Is Killed, Two Police Wounded

Valdosta, Ga., May 23.—The Chatham home guards from Savannah on their arrival here early today, found everything quiet following the battle last night between officers and Sidney Johnson, the negro wanted in connection with the murder of Hampton Smith, and the shooting of his wife at Berney, Brooks county, last week. In the fighting Johnson was killed and Chief of Police Dampier and his brother, also an officer, were slightly wounded.

The death of Johnson followed the lynching of four other negroes, one a woman, in connection with the Smith murder.

Arthur McCollum, acting adjutant general of Georgia, also reached here this morning and immediately held a conference with Major Blaine Gordon, commanding the Chatham guards. It is believed all disorder growing out of the lynchings has subsided and that the troops will be ordered to return to Savannah some time today.

General satisfaction was expressed by both white and negro citizens over the fact that Johnson was killed in a defensive fight by officers, rather than at the hands of a mob.

## ONE U. S. AVIATOR DOWNS 3 MACHINES

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, May 23.—There was great aerial activity northwest of Toul today. American aviators participated in more than a dozen combats, but up to an early hour tonight they had not been able to bring down an enemy machine. One American aviator engaged three different Boche machines, one after the other, within 20 minutes. Two other American pilots fought for half an hour with two German machines at an altitude of 5,500 metres, but failed to get telling shots home.

## Verdict Against A. C. L.

Columbia, S. C., May 23.—A verdict for \$42,000 against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad was awarded Mrs. Maggie M. Gayle by a jury in civil court here late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gayle's husband, an engineer, was killed in a wreck in May of 1917. The verdict is said to be the second largest in the history of the state.

## Accidentally Drowned.

Washington, May 23.—Ship's Cook Herman Stallings, naval reserves of Norfolk, Va., was accidentally drowned May 19 while swimming in France, the navy department was today informed.

## SLACKERS WHO LEAVE WILL BE PROSECUTED

Gregory Says Many of Draft Age Trying to Evade Service

Washington, May 23.—Slackers who leave the country to escape the draft will be prosecuted under the selective service act on their return, Attorney General Gregory announced today.

"It has been brought to my attention," said the attorney general's statement, "that a number of men of conscription age have left and that even now occasionally others are leaving the country to evade military service."

"Slackers \* \* \* are presumably laboring under the delusion that by securing a temporary residence in another country for the duration of the war they may escape their military obligations and upon the termination of the war may return here to enjoy the fruits of sacrifice in which they had no part."

"When this struggle is completed, however, such men on seeking admission to the United States will find that it will be necessary for them to stand trial on indictments charging them with violations of the selective service act. These trials will be vigorously prosecuted and the maximum penalty provided by the act will be urged upon conviction."

"The passage of time will not prevent the bringing of prosecutions. Such non-registrants and delinquents either must return for military service or become permanent expatriates with all future rights of United States citizenship denied them."

"The government at no time hereafter will be inclined to grant any general amnesty to such men."

"It should also be clearly understood by the general public that whoever assists another to escape from this country to evade military service or whoever assists to maintain in a foreign country one who has fled there to escape military service is guilty of a violation of the espionage act and upon conviction becomes liable to the full penalties imposed thereby."

## BUILDING FASTER THAN SUBS SINK

London, May 23.—The enemy is destroying British, allied and neutral tonnage at the rate of about 3,500,000 tons yearly, while Great Britain and her allies and the neutral countries will very soon be producing tonnage to a rate of 4,000,000 tons a year, writes Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, in The Daily Telegraph. That favorable situation, he declares, should be reached in a few weeks and thenceforth forward the upward curve in favor of the allies should proceed in a manner to convince the Germans of their failure.

## JOHNSON WILL LIKELY TESTIFY LATE TODAY

Line of Defense Seems Matter of Speculation Among Lawyers in Case

Richmond, Va., May 23.—Interest today in the trial of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, charged with wife murder, centered in the line of defense that will be staged in his behalf, the prosecution having almost completed its evidence by the noon hour, it is expected that the defendant would be called to the stand this afternoon.

Just what the line of defense will be seemed a matter of speculation among the lawyers in the case. Neither John E. Woodard, of Wilson, N. C., or H. M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond, who are counsel for Johnson, would say whether the defense would be based on the ground of insanity or evidence to prove that the dentist did not give his wife the poison that caused her death.

The defense will contend that Johnson never ceased to love his wife, even though he was engaged to her and had written letters to Miss Ollie White, of Zebulon, N. C., and that he brought to show his affection for his bride, the former Miss Alice Knight, of Richmond, by writing to her and sending gifts to her while he was in Middlesex, N. C.

Among the most damaging testimony to be refuted, however, is that of Mrs. J. H. Gill, who testified that Mrs. Johnson told her shortly before the tragedy that she had received medicine from the dentist.

Under the new law adopted at the last session of the legislature a jury may either send a murderer to the electric chair or to the penitentiary for life.

## BALL PLAYERS MAY HAVE TO JOIN ARMY

Washington, May 23.—Provost Marshal General Crowder's new "work or fight" regulation may require professional baseball players either to engage in some useful occupation or to join the army.

Theatrical performers were excepted from the regulations at the direction of Secretary of War Baker, who is said to feel that the people cannot do without all amusement in war time, and that the other amusements could be dispensed with more readily.

Baseball players as well as jockeys, professional golfers and other professional sportsmen, General Crowder said today, will be affected by the regulations if strictly enforced. General Crowder said he did not desire to make specific rulings at this time, and would make rulings only when cases come to him from local boards after July 1.

## IDLERS MUST WORK OR FIGHT IS ORDER ISSUED BY CROWDER

### LOCAL WOMAN IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Mrs. Mabel Garrison Heads State Rebekah Assembly

LOVING CUP AWARDED

Winston-Salem Won First Honors, With This City a Good Second

ADJOURNMENT TODAY

Next Session Will Be Held in Asheville—Retiring President Remembered Handsomely

Today's concluding session of the annual convention of the state assembly of Rebekahs, an affiliated branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held in Odd Fellows building, was featured by the election of officers, award of loving cup and certificate of perfection for the "unwritten work." The assembly will meet in Asheville next May with the grand lodge of Odd Fellows. The grand lodge meeting was adjourned simultaneously with the Rebekah assembly and delegates to both are leaving for home this afternoon. The retiring president, Miss Lillian Byrd of Asheville, was presented with many tokens of love and appreciation what the splendid service she has rendered as head of the organization.

Officers elected today are:

President, Mrs. Mabel Garrison, Wilmington.

Vice president, Miss Lillian Flora, Camden.

Warden, Mrs. Hattie Epps, Almond. Secretary, Miss Patti E. Beck, Winston-Salem.

Treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Reid White, Winston-Salem.

Appointive officers named just prior to adjournment are:

Marshall, Miss Mary Jones, Winston-Salem.

Conductor, Mrs. Jessie Parker, Wilmington.

Chaplain, Mrs. C. B. Taylor, Wilson. Inside guardian, Miss Nellie O'Fees, Poplar Branch.

Outside guardian, Mrs. George Ballard, Asheville.

The loving cup, for which a lot of rivalry had been exhibited during the year was awarded to the Winston-Salem lodge, for perfection in the "unwritten work" and certificate of perfection was presented to the local lodge for similar work, being won by Mrs. Bertha Grissom.

## NEGRO'S BODY RIDDLED WITH SHOT AT CORDELE

Cobb Lynched Near Scene of Crime—Woman Attacked and Killed

Cordele, Ga., May 23.—James Cobb, the negro who was taken from the jail here by a mob shortly after midnight this morning, was carried to the scene where he attacked and killed Mrs. Roy Simmons, seven miles east of Cordele, and hanged. The body afterwards was literally shot to pieces. Following the lynching the mob numbered less than 100 persons, it is said, quietly dispersed.

The negro's body still was hanging to a tree on the Tremont road at 8 o'clock this morning.

Cobb's crime was said to be one of the most brutal ever committed in this section of the state. After attacking his victim, the negro apparently killed her with a blow which crushed her head. The body also had been stabbed in many places with two silver table forks. The blood-stained forks were found in the yard.

The negro had been paid out of the chain gang by Mr. Simmons and a negro farmer, living nearby, about 10 days ago. Yesterday he failed to show up for work and late in the afternoon after the men at the Simmons home had gone out to work Cobb was said to have returned to the house, where Mrs. Simmons was alone with her two-year-old child.

Will Gibbs, a white boy, employed by Simmons, discovered the body and notified the husband.

## GOED BY BULL, MAN IN HOSPITAL

Danville, Va., May 23.—W. M. Cardwell, a prominent farmer of near Milton, N. C., is in a dying condition in a Danville hospital today as the result of being gored by a bull last evening. The animal drove his horns several times through the man's body and trampled on him. Mr. Cardwell is more than 70 years old and his death is momentarily expected.

Gamblers, Race Track and Bucket Shop Men Head List

GET FORTUNE TELLERS

Will Disregard All Deferred Classes in Applying Strict Rule

HALED BEFORE COURT

Bartenders, Store Clerks, Theater Ushers Will Be Reached—Drastic Amendment to Service Law

Washington, May 23.—Every man of draft age must work or fight after July 1, under a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations announced today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Not only idlers but all draft registrants engaged in what are held to be non-useful occupations are to be haled before local boards and given choice of a new job or the army.

Gamblers, race track and bucket shop attendants and fortune tellers, head the list, but those who will be reached by the new regulations also include waiters and bar tenders, theatre ushers and attendants, passenger elevator operators and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, etc., domestics and clerks in stores.

Deferred classification granted on account of dependents will be disregarded entirely in applying the rule. A man may be at the bottom of class one or even in class four, but if he falls within the regulations and refuses to take useful employment he will be given a new number in class one that will send him into the military service forthwith. Local boards are authorized to use discretion only where they find that enforced change of employment would result in disproportionate hardship upon his dependents.

It has been known for some time that some form of "work or fight" law would be submitted to President Wilson, but there had been no intimation that it was so far-reaching in scope. Both military authorities and department of labor officials believe that it will go a long way toward solving the labor problem for farmers, shipbuilders and munition workers, and will end, for the present at least, talk of conscription of labor. The announcement today gives notice significantly that the list of nonuseful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity requires.

The statement of the provost marshal general's office follows:

"Provost Marshal General Crowder today announced an amendment to the selective service regulations which deals with the question of compelling men not engaged in a useful occupation immediately to apply themselves to some form of labor, contributing to the general good. The idler, too, will find himself confronted with the alternative of finding suitable employment or entering the army."

"This regulation provides that after July 1, any registrant who is found by a local board to be a habitual idler, or not engaged in some useful occupation, shall be summoned before the board, given a chance to explain and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, to be inducted into the military service of the United States."

"Any local board will be authorized to take action, whether it has original jurisdiction of the registrant or not; in other words, any man loafing around a pool room in Chicago may be held to answer to a Chicago board, even though he may have registered in New York and lived there most of his life."

"The regulations which apply to idlers registrants will be extended to apply also to gamblers and attendants of bucket shops and race tracks, fortune tellers, clairvoyants, palmists and the like, who, for the purpose of the regulations will be considered as idlers."

"The new regulations will also affect the following classes:

"(A) Persons engaged in the serving of food and drink, or either, in public places, including hotels and social clubs.

"(B) Passenger elevator operators, and attendants, door men, footmen and other attendants of clubs, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and bath houses.

"(C) Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in, and in connection with, games, sports and amusements, excepting actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances."

"(D) Persons employed in domestic service."

"(E) Sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and other mercantile establishments."

"Men who are engaged as above or as idlers will not be permitted to seek relief, because of the fact that they have drawn a late order number or because they have been placed in

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