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## NUMBERS TO BE DRAWN TODAY.

The Great Drama of Determining Who Shall Be the First Men of the Ten Million Registrants To Be Called Into Service To Take Place Today In Washington City. Numbers To Be Placed In Capsules and Drawn Out by Blindfolded Man.

This morning's Raleigh News and Observer carries the interesting news in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington that the drawing of the numbers of the men who shall be called into the military service of the country will take place today in the Nation's capital city.

The following extracts from the account published make interesting reading:

"Instead of a process requiring not more than an hour and involving one set of numbers from one to 1,000 and another from 0 to 10 it will be necessary to draw one at a time at least 10,263 numbers. Probably, to make certain that every regiment in the largest district is placed, 10,500 drawings will be made. It will require at least 10 and a half hours and officials in charge believe it will take twelve. The process will begin at 9:30 a. m."

"The stage setting for the great lottery has not been changed. It will take place in the public hearing room of the Senate office building. The invited guests who will sit with Secretary Baker of the War Department and watch the proceedings will be members of the Senate and House Military Committees. The only other persons present according to latest plans will be a limited number of newspaper correspondents, photographers to take both still views and motion pictures of the historic event and the officials of General Crowder's office who will conduct the drawing.

"In the drawing itself, there will be nine actors. The principal will be a blindfolded man who constantly stirs the 10,500 black capsules in the great glass bowl in which they have been placed, another blindfolded man who draws the capsules from the bowl, one at a time, and two announcers, one standing at each side of the bowl, and to whom the capsules will be handed in turn as they are drawn.

"The announcers will break the capsules as they receive them, extract the tiny slip of paper on which a number will be stamped and call the number to three tally clerks. The slip will then be handed to an official in front of the bowl who will verify the announcers' report and on his verification, another man, stationed at a great blackboard, will write the number in its order on the board."

"The numbers will be publicly announced by telegraphing to the newspapers over the country as fast as they are drawn. General Crowder at first considered a plan under which they would have been held in confidence for publication everywhere Saturday morning, but that suggestion was abandoned late tonight.

"The official record of the drawing which will be furnished to the local exemption boards and in accordance with which they will call out the men to fill each district quota, will be made up into books of eleven pages, each page being a photographic facsimile of the blackboards. The exemption boards will take no action toward summoning their men until these books reach them through the mails."

W. S. Moore, of a Chicago firm dealing in poultry, said Tuesday that there are 30,000,000 pounds of poultry in storage in Chicago. A huge stock, he said, was accumulated to take care of orders for the British government. The latter, he said, was unable to obtain refrigerating ships and turned back most of the order.

## REMODEL SMITHFIELD HOTEL.

Mr. W. Ransom Sanders Has Purchased the Majority of the Stock of the Company Owning Hotel and Will Soon Make Extensive Improvements. Will Be Run on European Plan. Rooms To Be Fitted Up With Private Baths.

The stock of the Smithfield Improvement Company which owns the Smithfield Hotel has been purchased this week by Mr. W. Ransom Sanders, one of the town's leading young business men. Mr. Sanders who entered the active business life of the town two or three years ago is fast becoming one of Smithfield's most progressive young business men.

Mr. Sanders has invited an architect to visit him at once and submit plans for the remodeling of the hotel, making many changes which will add much to the comfort and homelikeness of the building. It is his plan to have thirty guest rooms in the hotel. Fifteen of these will have private baths and will be fitted up in modern style in every particular. The dining-room will be on the ground floor. As soon as the work of remodeling is completed the hotel will be opened to the public on the European plan. There will also be served a special breakfast, special dinner and special supper at a fixed price.

While Mr. Sanders will be conservative in his plans no pains nor expense will be spared in making the Smithfield Hotel the equal in all of its appointments of any hotel to be found anywhere in this section. It will not be so large as some others but when it comes to all the things which make a hotel desirable and appealing to the traveling public, Mr. Sanders' new hostelry will be the equal of any.

With all of its progressiveness and modern improvements Smithfield should have a hotel which is the pride of the town. Situated on the Washington-Atlanta and the Central Highways Smithfield is assuming an importance not known in the old days. There are many travelers and automobilists who pass this way every week and the time has come when the town needs a more up-to-date hotel. Mr. Alford, the present proprietor, has made a successful hotel man and has given the house a reputation which has caused many a weary traveler glad that he found his way here. But while all this is true, Mr. Alford has been handicapped in not having a house modern and up-to-date in its appointments.

We are glad to see young Mr. Sanders taking hold of the business life of the town with such a firm grip. The time will come when it will be patent to everybody that his belief in the future of the town caused him to take a wise step in many ways when he decided to invest his money in this valuable property.

The hotel property is on the corner of two of Smithfield's leading streets and the large lot in the rear may be utilized for other buildings. As to this Mr. Sanders has no definite plans as yet. As soon as the architect can make the plans for the hotel the work of remodeling will go forward and in a few more months will be completed.

## GREENVILLE PREPARED TO WELCOME SOLDIERS

Greenville, S. C., July 17.—Camp Sevier, three miles from the city, is a scene of activity at this time, preparing for the reception of 35,000 militiamen.

The people of the city are making great preparations to look after the social welfare of the men, the citizens of the city planning to dine from 800 to 1,000 every Sunday in their homes. Church committees of various kinds have been appointed as hospital visitors.

Several city churches are planning to open reading rooms for the men when they visit the city, and at the local Y. M. C. A. all available space is being converted into shower baths so the boys can cool off whenever they may wish.—Charlotte Observer.

Secretary McAdoo has called the committee of insurance men for framing a government insurance plan for soldiers and sailors to meet with officials of the departments concerned next Monday in the hope that a final decision may be made as to the one form the insurance is to take.

## TRAIN KILLS THREE IN WAKE.

Auto In Which H. K. Harris, Ernest Elam and Miss Alice Harris Were Riding Struck by Train at Method and All Three Are Dead. Accident Similar to One In Which Three Lost Their Lives at Smithfield Tuesday Morning.

E. B. Elam and H. K. Harris, of Raleigh, and Miss Alice Harris, of Forestville, met an awful death at Method in Wake County, Wednesday afternoon when a Seaboard train running at fifty miles an hour struck the car which Elam was driving. The remains were strewn along the track for a distance of several yards. In the car were Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Raleigh and Miss Lena Luther, of Fayetteville. Both young ladies were very badly hurt.

When the automobile party approached the crossing at Method they heard the whistle of the southbound train and rolled upon the northbound track to await the passing of the train. About the same time and before the southbound train arrived a northbound train, not heard by the party, came by at fifty miles an hour, and struck the auto in the middle with the results noted above. It is said that a box car on the siding intercepted the vision of the engineer and also that of the occupants of the car. It was raining and the car had up the windshield and the side curtains. This perhaps kept the occupants from hearing the approaching train.

The accident is very similar to the one in which three people lost their lives in Smithfield Tuesday morning. At Smithfield the occupants of the car saw the train and doubtless made desperate efforts to get out of the way, but the car went dead on them. At Method no one in the car saw the train or heard it. They rolled up on the track to wait for the southbound train to pass and hardly knew what struck them.

H. K. Harris, one of the victims, was formerly a Seaboard engineer, and recently gave up his work and accepted a position with the R. G. Laster construction company. He was in Smithfield only a few days ago running the packing machine which packed down the streets before the cement mixture was put on them. One of the injured young ladies was his sister and the young lady who was killed was his cousin. Mr. Harris' father was buried Tuesday. Mr. Elam, the unfortunate man who was driving his car, was a former engineer and went to Raleigh from Norfolk about four years ago. The Miss Luther, who was so badly hurt, was a trained nurse of Fayetteville, who had been nursing Mr. H. K. Harris' father.

Engineer Walter Horton was running the engine of the train which struck the auto. He is quoted in the News and Observer as saying that his view was cut off by a box car on the siding and a slight curve in the track. "I did not see the automobile," said Mr. Horton, "until a few seconds before it was struck. I at first thought the machine was deserted, and it was not until I had stopped the train about 150 yards from the crossing that I knew that some people were in it. The auto was standing in the middle of the track. I was running fifty miles an hour."

## Miss Luther Dead Also.

Miss Lena Luther who was so badly hurt died early Thursday morning and the remains shipped to Fayetteville for interment. Miss Elizabeth Harris, the only surviving occupant of the auto which was struck, was resting quietly in the hospital yesterday unconscious of the death of her four companions.

## A Big Day at Selma.

Next Monday and Tuesday are Selma's big days. The Selma Melon, Tomato and Better Baby Fair has grown in size and importance until it requires two days. Monday will be "Home-Keepers' Day." Tuesday is "Wyatt Day." On this day Hon. James H. Pou will speak on "The Duty of the Hour." It will be a great address and should be heard by everybody.

## At Neill's Tabernacle.

Rev. Alden S. Anderson will preach at Neill's Tabernacle near Yelvington's Grove, Sunday night, July 22, at 8:15 o'clock. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Mr. Edgar Johnson Weds Miss Bertie Mae Barbour. Rumor That Banner Township Is to Have Community Fair Is Creating Much Interest. Revival To Begin at Baptist Church Sunday, July 22, and Pastor Is to Be Assisted by Dr. J. Q. Adams.

Benson, N. C., July 19.—Mr. Jesse Holmes continues very sick at his home here, having been confined to his home for the past three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Brosia Porter have moved to Petersburg, Va., where Mr. Porter has accepted a position.

Mr. W. H. Ivey, of Rocky Mount, was here recently for a few days at the home of his brother, Mr. S. F. Ivey.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton left the first of the week for Wrightsville Beach where he is spending the week at the Jewelers' Association.

Mr. J. M. Langdon, a prominent farmer of Pleasant Grove township, was here the first of the week on business.

A baby girl was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Bius Hudson.

Mr. Joe Allen, who has been in Colon, Panama, in the United States Army for the past several months, has been commissioned as an officer in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodall and children and Mrs. O. A. Barbour and baby, O. A. Barbour, Jr., spent Sunday with relatives near Clayton.

Mrs. Callie Royal arrived here the first of the week from her home in Emporia, Va., and will spend several weeks before returning.

Mrs. Alonzo Parrish and Alonzo Parrish, Jr., went down to Fayetteville the first of the week on a short visit.

Miss Daisey Bryant went up to her home in Wilson Saturday and spent Sunday with relatives, returning Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fairecloth and Miss Vallie Hill went to Jonesboro where they spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. Ralph Canaday, of Smithfield, has been here this week visiting his brother, Claude Canaday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden, of Clinton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt Sunday. Mr. Darden returned home and Mrs. Darden is spending the week.

Mr. W. C. Grant, of Four Oaks, was here Sunday for a short while at the home of relatives.

Miss Leola Smith, of Louisville, is home for a few days with relatives.

Messrs. E. R. Canaday, Ed. Hill and Paul Stephenson went up to Raleigh Sunday and visited friends.

Mr. Dalton Lee, of Four Oaks, was here Tuesday on business matters.

Mr. Ernest Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, has accepted a position in Petersburg, Va.

Mr. S. F. Ivey went up to Angier Tuesday afternoon on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith and Misses Leola Smith and Mary Jackson left Tuesday for Wrightsville Beach where they are spending the week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour went up to Selma yesterday, returning last night.

Mrs. S. W. McLamb went to Goldsboro Wednesday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. B. A. Grant.

Mayor Ezra Parker was a visitor to Raleigh Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was in the city Tuesday afternoon on business matters.

Mrs. Taylor, of Wilmington, is here for a visit to relatives for several days.

Miss Mary Lee went up to Raleigh the first of the week and is spending a few days there with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Randal Turlington and children, of Wilson, are here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Turlington for a short visit.

Mr. J. M. Britt went up to Wilson Sunday and spent the day with his daughter, Miss Pauline Britt, who is sick in the Sanatorium there. Her condition is some better now.

Mr. Adgie Godwin, of Harnett County, was a visitor to our city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Scott Thomas, who has been here visiting her husband for some time, left the first of the week for her home at Sanford.

Sheriff W. F. Grimes, of Smithfield, was here Wednesday on business matters.

A revival will begin at the Bap-

## TUESDAY WORLD WAR EVENTS.

French and Germans Both Win Victories. Russians Forced to Yield Kalusz. Slavs Evacuate Town, But Retain Crossing of Lomnica River. Heavy Artillery Fighting Continues on Northern End of Eastern Battle Front.

There has been no relaxation in the intensity of the fighting between the French and the Germans on various sectors of the southern line in France from the region of Soissons eastward through the Champagne and into the district northeast of Verdun, centering about the famous Hill 304.

Victories are recorded for both sides—for the Germans along the Laon-Soissons road in the penetration and destruction of French trenches, and in Champagne, north of Mont Teton, where the forces of the crown prince previously had been repulsed with heavy casualties, and for the French in the Verdun sector, where Gen. Petain's forces took enemy lines on a front of a mile and a half to a depth of about two-thirds of a mile.

The success of the Germans north of Mont Teton was obtained through persistent counterattacks on positions they had lost last Saturday in which their losses had been extremely heavy. While the German war office asserts that all the old German positions were recaptured, the Paris official statement declares that the troops of the crown prince only regained a footing at certain points in the French elements.

Artillery duels and small operations carried out by raiding parties continue to feature the situation on the line where the British are facing the Germans. Intense air fighting is still in progress in this region, in the latest of which six German machines were driven down by British airmen, whose machines all returned from their forays.

The Russians in Eastern Galicia have been forced for strategic reasons to evacuate the town of Kalusz and take up positions on the southern side of the Lomnica river. The important crossing of the Lomnica was made secure by the troops of Gen. Brussiloff after they made their retreat. Previous to the retirement the Germans had carried out persistent attacks on Kalusz, but the Russians had repulsed all of them. Serious fighting has taken place in this immediate region for the village of Novica, the Austro-Germans capturing it but later being driven out on the arrival of Russian reserves.

Heavy artillery fighting continues along the northern front around Riga, Dvinsk and Smorgon, but the extent of the operations has not yet been revealed.

In Roumania, along the Danube, Russian scouts captured the village of Dunaevac and most of its defenders but later abandoned the position.

In none of the other theatres has been a battle of any importance.—Associated Press Summary in Wednesday's dailies.

## To Preach at Progressive.

Rev. Alden S. Anderson will hold his regular service at Progressive school house in Boon Hill township next Sunday afternoon, July 22, at four o'clock.

A series of revival meetings will begin Monday night. The hour for the night services will be announced at the Sunday afternoon service.

tist Church here Sunday to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Rollins, assisted by Dr. J. Q. Adams, of Charlotte, N. C.

It is understood that Banner township will have a Fair this fall. Much interest is being taken in it here and it bids fair to be in keeping with the other county Fairs of the State.

Mr. Edgar Johnson was married last night to Miss Bertie Mae Barbour at the home of Rev. G. W. Rollins. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. Stanford and Rev. G. W. Rollins. Miss Barbour is a daughter of Mrs. Julia Barbour, of Benson, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson also of Benson. The couple left on the Jitney immediately after the marriage and will spend several days honeymoon before reaching their home at Oxford where Mr. Johnson is engaged in the jewelry business. Both the young parties were popular here and have many friends who wish them happiness in their wedded life.

## WEDNESDAY IN WORLD WAR.

Germans Unable to Overcome French Gains in Verdun Sector. British and Germans Still in Violent Artillery Duels in Northern Belgium. Russians Stubbornly Resisting Austro-German Armies. Disorders in Petrograd Tuesday.

After having tried ineffectually to overcome the French gains in the Verdun sector, between the eastern edge of the Avocourt wood and hill 304, the Germans have ceased their costly enterprise and are now contenting themselves with throwing shells into the positions which General Petain's men forced them to evacuate. Likewise, along the Chemin-Des-Dames the violent infantry activity of the early week has ceased, and artillery duels instead are taking place.

The British and the Germans continue their violent artillery duels in northern Belgium, and Field Marshal Haig's forces are keeping up their harassing patrol raids on numerous sectors of the front. One of the most successful of these enterprises was carried out east of Monchy-Le-Preux, in the Arras sector, in which the British gained ground and took prisoners.

On the Russian front, General Korniloff's army in East Galicia is stubbornly holding back the reinforced Austro-German armies, which at various points are endeavoring to wrest from them the positions recently won in the Halicz and Kalusz sectors. In the latter region near the village of Novica the enemy won a vantage point from the Russians, but immediately afterwards in a counter-attack lost it again. The Germans are violently bombarding the Russians south of Brzezany and near Halicz.

Late reports from Petrograd are to the effect that the disorders have been quelled. In Tuesday's fighting in the streets of Petrograd, six persons were killed and 238 wounded.

The weekly British admiralty statement shows that last week 14 British ships, of more than 1,600 tons, four of under 1,000 tons and eight fishing vessels, were sunk by submarines or mines—a slight increase in tonnage over the previous week.—Associated Press Summary.

## An Appreciative Subscriber.

Mr. R. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, R. No. 1, in renewing his subscription writes as follows: "The Herald is a welcome visitor in my home twice a week and my family would be greatly disappointed if it was to fail to come. It's the best paper in the whole county."

## GENERAL NEWS.

The house held a six-minute session Wednesday, adjourning until Saturday without transacting any business.

Over 20 men applied for the second officers' training camp, which will begin at Fort Oglethorpe on August 27, from Rocky Mount and vicinity. Ten young men went from Rocky Mount to the camp now in training.

Fourteen British ships of over 1,600 tons were sunk by submarine or mine in the last week, according to the official report issued in London Wednesday night. Four British vessels under 1,600 tons were sunk, and eight fishing vessels.

Twenty or more persons were injured, some seriously, late Wednesday when two coaches of a train on the Louisiana and Northwestern left the track near Mulnix Crossing six miles south of Homer, and rolled down a 10-foot embankment.

Five per cent loans to farmers have been apportioned by the federal board at the rate of \$800,000 per day. The following amounts have been apportioned to the farmers in the southern States during July: North Carolina, \$307,405; South Carolina, \$564,690; Virginia, \$606,060.

Complaint has been filed with the clerk of court of Davidson wherein J. C. Smith, well known local merchant, seeks to recover \$40,000 damages from the board of commissioners of the town of Lexington for the death of his son, Julius, who was killed here by an electric current a few weeks ago.