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PLANS ARE ON FOOT TO SPEED UP DRAFT

Men to be Called More Rapidly Than First Intended

The Purpose is to Meet the Emergency in France—Americans Abroad May Number 1,500,000 By Next January.

Washington, April 3.—Measures to speed up the draft program are in contemplation, and an official announcement is expected soon. The intention is to meet the emergency in France. For that reason 300,000 called this year, will be called more rapidly than was previously planned. Arrangements to this end are in progress, but no suggestion that the 300,000 figure be exceeded during this year as been put forward at the war department.

Reports that the draft would be raised from 300,000 men to 1,500,000 were denied. Officials do not regard it as possible that more men will be sent abroad this year than the department already has arranged to ship, even with additional British shipping made available as troop transports. There are now under arms here and in Europe more than 1,500,000 American soldiers. The number will have been raised to about 2,500,000 by the end of the year, counting drafted men, volunteers and special technical forces, to be enlisted.

It is possible to get a total of 1,500,000 men to France by January next, the best previous hopes of the war department will have been realized and there still will be a force of almost equal size in training here. The present effort is directed more towards getting the men to France early in the year to meet the emergency there than toward increasing the number to be sent during the year.

BANK ROBBERS RETURN ALL

Entire Amount of \$8,000 Taken From Bank of Everett Is Found.

Rocky Mount, April 3.—Recovery of the entire sum, representing approximately \$8,000, taken from the bank of Everett, N. C., yesterday afternoon by masked robbers, was made this morning when Noah Robertson, one of the three men captured by a posse charged with the hold-up, led officers into the woods where the money had been left, and \$1,200 in cash and \$4,950 in government bonds was found. This, augmented by \$200 recovered when the three men were arrested, is believed to cover the entire amount taken from the bank. The three men who are alleged to have participated in the robbery are Noah Robertson, Church Robertson and Clyde Bowen.

Tobacco "Cards" in France.

Paris, April 3.—The first tobacco "cards" have made their appearance in France. The town of Aubin has taken the initiative and it is expected that many other towns and cities will follow suit. No card will be delivered to youths under sixteen years of age. No provision is made for women. There has been a shortage of tobacco in France during the last three months.

Record Day for War Savings.

Washington, April 3.—The war savings campaign made a new record today with \$4,120,932 recorded at the treasury for the day's receipts from stamp sales. The previous high record was \$3,849,000. The total receipts are \$136,000,000.

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GODWIN SAYS THIS CITY WILL YET BUILD SHIPS

Prospects For Wilmington Landing Government Shipyard Contracts Never So Good As Now.

By PARKER R. ANDERSON.

Washington, April 3.—Representative Godwin declared today that the door of hope for shipbuilding at Wilmington has not been closed. Representatives to the contrary, notwithstanding, in the opinion of the sixth district congressman, the chances of ships being built at that port were never better and he believes that contracts will be let for the work within a short time.

"There never was a time when the prospects for shipbuilding at Wilmington were as bright as they are today," said Mr. Godwin. "I am not favoring any individual or set of men who have ship contracts. I have every reason to believe that contracts will be let ship men at an early date." Mrs. H. L. Godwin, who has been here for a few days with Representative Godwin, has returned to Dunn.

ANOTHER TEUTONIC PEACE OFFENSIVE IS APPARENT

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which is closely connected with the general political situation," said: "With the conclusion of peace with Rumania the war in the east ended. Before, however, turning to individual peace treaties and discussing them in detail, I would like to revert to the situation of the President of the United States in which he replied to the speech delivered by me on January 24.

"In many parts of the world President Wilson's speech was interpreted as an attempt to drive a wedge between Vienna and Berlin. I do not believe that, because I have too high an opinion of the president of the United States and his outlook as a statesman to believe him capable of such a way of thinking. President Wilson is no more able to ascribe dishonorable action to us than we to him.

"President Wilson does not desire to separate Vienna from Berlin, and he knows, too, that that would be impossible. Perhaps President Wilson says to himself, however, that Vienna is more favorable soil for sowing the seeds of a general peace. Perhaps he says to himself that the Austro-Hungarian monarchy has the good fortune to possess a ruler who sincerely and honestly desires a general peace, but who will never commit a breach of faith or conclude a dishonorable peace, and that behind the emperor-king there are fifty-five million people.

"President Wilson says, perhaps, to himself that this united mass represents a force which is not to be underestimated and that this honest and strong desire for peace which binds the monarchs, governments and peoples of both states is capable of being the bearer of that great idea in the service of which he has placed himself.

"Referring to his last speech, Count Czernin explained the misunderstanding of his remark that the text was already in the president's possession by declaring that he had previously arranged for the text to be telegraphed to Washington from an unofficial source in a neutral country, in order to prevent any misunderstanding or distortion. It subsequently transpired, however, that the text only arrived at its destination some days later. Nevertheless, he said, the object was attained.

"I can only say that I esteem it highly that the German chancellor, in his excellent speech of February 25, took the words out of my mouth by declaring that the four principles developed in President Wilson's speech of February 11 formed the basis upon which a general peace could be discussed. I am in entire agreement with this.

"The four points laid down by the president are a suitable basis upon which to begin a discussion for a general peace. Whether, however, the president will succeed in his endeavors to rally his allies on this basis or not is a question.

"Some time before the western offensive began, M. Clemenceau addressed to me an inquiry and upon what basis I was prepared to negotiate. I immediately replied that I was prepared to negotiate and that as far as France was concerned the only obstacle I could see in the way of peace was the French desire for Alsace-Lorraine.

"The reply from Paris was that it was impossible to negotiate on this basis. Thereupon there was no choice left.

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"The colossal struggle in the west has already broken Austria-Hungarian and German troops are fighting shoulder to shoulder as they fought in Russia, Serbia, Rumania and Italy. We are fighting together for the defense of Austria-Hungary and Germany. The aspirations of France and Italy are Utopia's which will be terribly avenged.

"Come what may, we shall not sacrifice Germany's interests any more than she will leave us in the lurch. We are not fighting for imperialist or annexationist ends for ourselves or for Germany, but we shall go forward together to the last for our defense, for our existence as a state and for our future.

"The first breach in the will of our enemies for war has been made by the peace idea. It is evidence of childish dilettantism to overlook the inner connection between the various conclusions of peace. The constellation of enemy powers in the East resembled a net; when one mesh was severed the others gave way.

"The Ukrainian peace led to peace with Russia, and this, in combination with Rumania, was obliged to conclude peace. The future will show that the conclusion of peace with the Ukraine was a blow at the heart of the rest of our enemies.

"The peace concluded with Rumania, it is calculated, will be the starting point of friendly relations. The slight frontier rectifications which we receive are no annexations. From Russia I did not demand a single metre, but Rumania neglected the favorable moment. The protection of mercantile shipping in the lower Danube, the guarantee of the frontier. The new frontier has been so far removed from Rumanian ground as military reasons required.

"The rectification east of Chernowitz has protected the city against future attacks.

"At the moment when we are successfully endeavoring to renew friendly and neighborly relations with Rumania, it is unlikely that we would open old wounds, but everyone knows the history of Rumania's entrance into the war and will admit that it was my duty to protect the monarchy against the future surprise of a similar kind. I consider the safest guarantee for the future international agreements to prevent war. In such agreements if they are framed in binding form, I should like to see stronger guarantees against surprise attacks by neighbors than in frontier rectifications. But I thus far except in the case of President Wilson have been unable to discover amongst any of our enemies such an inclination to accept this idea. However, despite the small degree of approval this idea receives, I consider that it will nevertheless be realized.

"Calculating the burdens which the states of the world will emerge from this war, I vainly ask myself how they will cover military expenditure if competition in armaments remains unrestricted. I do not believe that it will be possible for the states after this war adequately to meet the increased requirements due to the war. I think rather that financial conditions will compel the states to enter into a compromise regarding the limitations of armaments.

"It is obvious that in the peace with Rumania the same take precautions to have our interests in the question of grain, food supply and petroleum fully respected. We shall further take precautions that the Catholic church and our schools receive the state of protection from their enemies and solve the Jewish question. The Jew shall henceforth be a citizen with equal rights in Rumania. The irrepressible propaganda, which has produced so much evil in Hungary will be restrained and finally precautions will be taken to obtain indemnification for the injustice innocently suffered by many of our countrymen owing to the war.

"We shall strive by means of a new commercial treaty an appropriate settlement of the railway and shipping questions to fully protect our economic interests in Rumania." The minister said that the Ukraine would deliver the central powers one million tons of grain under the peace treaty and that Rumania "must also immediately provide us with 300,000 sheep and 100,000 pigs."

"It is clear from this that everything will be done to obtain from the exploitation of the regions which peace has opened for us in the East whatever is obtainable," he added, explaining that the difficulties were great because of lack of order in the Ukraine.

"The forcible annexation of foreign people is a situation of lasting order in the Balkans," Count Czernin said, was the desire of Austria-Hungary, but Serbia must give to Bulgaria certain districts inhabited by Bulgarians.

but to enforce it by our moral and physical strength" and asserted that "a general honorable peace is nearer than the public imagines."

MARNES TRAINING PIGEONS.

Will Make Trial Flights From Washington to Paris Island.

Paris Island, S. C., April 3.—In response to General Pershing's recent call for 5,000 carrier pigeons, U. S. Marines here, who have aided the government in nearly every conceivable manner heretofore, again have come to bat with a pigeon-raising campaign.

The carrier is an invaluable little weapon in the war but is far too scarce for the immediate needs. So the Marines have begun the training of them on the island, having secured 300 of the birds from the flocks of various members of the Marine Corps. Starting with short flights to the island and increasing the distance to neighboring towns, plans are now being made for trial flights from Washington, D. C., to this camp.

Meanwhile, although several have been lost in training, the carriers are rapidly increasing in numbers, and the Marines are hoping to be able to all General Pershing's order by themselves, and in addition, sending the pigeons across the water already trained in their line of duty.

DESERTER IS RESCUED FROM OFFICERS BY HIS FRIENDS

Glennville, Ga., April 3.—Near Glennville last night Connie Todd, an alleged deserter from the United States army, was rescued by his friends after he had been captured by the police. The police, of Glennville, and Wallace Perkins, an ex-soldier who had put him under arrest. Perkins found that Todd was a deserter from Camp Wheeler and getting authority to arrest him, called upon the chief of police for aid. They found Todd last night asleep in an old slab pile near an abandoned saw mill.

The police, after a search, began screaming for help. More than a dozen responded and forcibly took him from the officers, threatening to shoot them if they did not release him. A call has been sent to Savannah for the United States deputy marshal.

CUMBERLAND MEN GO.

Sixteen Selectedmen Leave for Camp Jackson—Crowd Sees Them Off.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Fayetteville, April 3.—The first contingent of Cumberland county men to form the national army under the second draft entrained for Camp Jackson late yesterday. As is usual a good sized crowd was at the station to see them off. The 16 men who composed the Cumberland and board's first contribution to the national army were: William Edward Fisher, Rowland Thomas Hall, Douglas Robert Thomas, Homer Carlton Simmons, William B. Raiford, Charles Miller, Buie, Sandy Beard, Owen Allen, McCaskill, Edgar S. W. Draughon, Walter Schade Powers, Frederick I. Huston, B. R. Howell, Ronnie A. Kinlaw, M. Lee Tatum, William Alton Barnes and Daniel B. Harris.

Less Than 250 Arrests.

Washington, April 3.—Less than 250 Germans have been arrested for failure to register in the enemy alien control act since the national army drafts these have been interned, the department of justice announced today. The tabulation of Germans registered has not been completed, but it is estimated about 500,000 were recorded.

TO BUILD LARGER SHIPS HEREAFTER

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bills introduced today by Senator Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the commerce committee, after conferences with Chairman Hurley. The legislation would be authorized by the shipping board charter and freight rates and to take over ships, docks, wharves and terminal facilities in one bill, and the second measure amending the law creating the shipping board, would extend its authority over ownership and transfer of vessels, existing or under construction. Both bills have been referred to the commerce committee.

GERMANS BRINGING UP MUCH ARTILLERY

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ble promotion which they might secure were they fighting under their own command. The American troops are looked upon as being among the best in the field and it is believed they will fall immediately into their niches thereby swelling each British division affected.

LIEUT. C. R. HOLMES IS ONE WHO RECEIVES WAR CROSS

With the American Army in France, April 3. (By the Associated Press.) Lieut. C. R. Holmes of South Carolina, and Sergt. James Murphy have been awarded the French war cross. Lieutenant Holmes is the man who recently captured a German sentry from his post. Sergeant Murphy killed a German while he was trying to shoot an officer.

CANADIAN HEAVY AND LIGHT GUNS SMASH HUN POSITIONS

Germans May Make Another Attempt at Arras and Vimy Ridge.

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, via London, April 3.—(By Canadian Press Limited)—Again this morning our guns, heavy and light, have smashed up the enemy trenches, communications and assembly areas, our artillery co-operating with the infantry in 15 minutes of barrage before, while our machine guns swept No Man's Land and the opposing trenches. Our "stokes" and trench mortars added the weight of their fire to the program which gave the enemy further grim notice of our readiness to meet his offensive operations. All night long, too, our guns maintained a slow fire on enemy areas, punctuated with harassing fire programs at intervals.

While both the enemy's weight of artillery and infantry concentration point to another attempt against Arras and Vimy Ridge, nothing more than patrol activity has characterized our front line, save for one raid north of Acheville against an enemy post and as a result of which we captured one prisoner.

In visits to batteries, battalions and brigades and divisions, the correspondent found high spirits everywhere. It is felt that Germany has lost the first play in her desperate gamble for victory and while further bitter fighting is anticipated there is no conviction anywhere that the enemy can succeed in the future where he has failed in the past.

SPEAKERS IN DEMAND.

University Faculty Members to Fill Many Engagements.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Chapel Hill, April 3.—Many members of the University of North Carolina faculty have been asked to deliver addresses for commencement and other public occasions during the coming months. Prof. C. L. Raper will speak at a Red Cross meeting in Burlington on Friday night. Prof. Collier Cobb gives an illustrated lecture in Greensboro on April 13 on "Beautiful Italy, Mother of Civilization." Dr. Raper will speak in Greensboro a week later on "Some Economic Results of the Great War."

Prof. M. C. S. Noble is to deliver addresses at Fremont, Oak Hill and Teachey, Prof. G. M. McKie in Hertford, Prof. E. C. Branson in Greensboro, Prof. Collier Cobb has recently spoken at Southern Pines, Jackson Springs, Moyock, Poplar Branch, Currituck, Remseur, Winston-Salem and Red Oak.

Principal F. W. Morrison, of the Chapel Hill Graded School, has recently been drafted into the army and will report to Camp Jackson soon. His departure is regarded here as a big loss for the school.

Dr. Graham has been speaking to the students for several mornings at the chapel hour on the part of the young man in the present war, and the after period of reconstruction.

Thursday and Friday of this week will be observed as the regular Easter holidays. The senior "stunt" will be presented by members of the class on Thursday night. The Junior Oratorical contest will be held on Wednesday night.

DAYLIGHT SAVING MEANS MORE SLEEP FOR SOLDIERS

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., April 3.—The principal result here of the daylight saving plan will be that the soldiers will get half an hour more time to sleep each night. As the army has always planned its day to fit the sunlight, pushing up the clocks hasn't affected it, and reveille has been shoved up an hour, so as to make it come at the same actual time. It now takes place at 5:30 a. m. instead of 5:30 a. m. On the same actual time has been advanced only half an hour, coming at 11 p. m. instead of 10:30 p. m., so that the soldiers will have 30 minutes more time for sleeping, whether they want it or not.

MCDONALD NAMED TREASURER OF RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Washington, April 3.—August D. McDonald, of New York, vice president and controller of the Northern Pacific, was appointed today by Director General McAdoo as treasurer for the railroad administration. He will have charge of the \$500,000,000 revolving fund and of financial transactions between individual companies and the railroad administration.

FORD NOW TURNING OUT 2,000 LIBERTY CYLINDERS A DAY

Washington, April 3.—Henry Ford, of Detroit, came here today for conferences with officials of the war and navy departments with the report that his plant now is turning out something like 2,000 Liberty motor cylinders a day.

Austrian Drive Indicated.

London, April 3.—"There are indications that an Austrian attack on Italy is in preparation and we shall not be surprised if it develops before long," said Maj. Gen. E. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk today.

NO MUNICIPAL FIGHT.

Fayetteville Will Ease Through the Spring Politics.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Fayetteville, April 3.—There will be no municipal primary in Fayetteville this year, the municipal executive committee having announced that only one candidate for each office having qualified at the hour for the closing of the primary lists, these men are declared the democratic candidates to be voted for in the city election to be held the first Monday in May.

The primary was to have been held on April 8th. There will be no contest of the candidates qualifying for the primary will compose the municipal administration for the coming year. They are, Capt. James D. McNeill, for mayor; Marshall Atkinson, alderman first ward; J. J. Maloney, alderman second ward; H. L. Hedgpeth, third ward; S. W. Cooper, fourth ward; J. B. Buckingham, fifth ward; J. W. Tillmuth, sixth ward; E. G. Jones, seventh ward, and D. U. Sandlin, eighth ward. All are incumbents. This will be Captain McNeill's sixth term as mayor of Fayetteville.

Trainloads of Selectmen.

Petersburg, Va., April 3.—Several special trains arrived at Camp Lee today bringing selectmen from southwest Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The complete contingent of 3,988 men that compose the first increment of the second draft, ordered into training is expected to reach Camp Lee by Friday. Two weeks ago the 30th division needed 10,000 men to fill its ranks. These vacancies will be filled from the depot brigade.

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