



TRAINING CAMP TO BE UNDER CHARGE OF GENERAL WOOD

Will Have Charge of Twelve of the Thirty Two Camps in United States

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Washington, May 17.—The chief center of the army training camps by the War Department decision today will be located under the new southeastern department under Major-General Wood.

Grouped by departments, twelve of the camps are to be located in the southeastern; one in the northeastern, four in the eastern, six in the central, six in the southern department and three in the western department.

RETAIL MERCHANTS MET TUESDAY

Plans For Entertainment at State Convention at Wilson June 19-21 Made. Other Business Transacted.

The Retail Merchants Association held a meeting Tuesday night to arrange for one day's entertainment of the State Convention to be held in Wilson June 19-21.

About fifteen of the meetings have reported the central committee to furnish them with outside speakers, and these demands will be filled by men from the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, and from the Nashville and Spring Hope Chambers of Commerce.

Of course this hardship is imposed upon them by the carelessness of housewives who neglect to send in their orders until the inevitable last minute, thereby unconsciously imposing an extra burden upon the merchant, his clerks and the tired horses who faithfully make the deliveries.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 17.—Cotton futures opened steadily, May 20.02; July 19.90; October 19.47; December 19.50; January 19.50.

New York, May 17.—The cotton market today opened steadily at an advance of 1 to 3 points and eased back from 19.92 to 19.85 for July and from 19.43 to 19.34 for October and fluctuated within this range toward the middle of the morning.

STOCK MARKET

New York, May 17.—Many substantial additions to yesterday's sweeping gains were made at the active opening of today's market.

NASH FARMERS TO MEET SATURDAY

The Nash County Food Commission food crops campaign meetings will be held throughout the county Saturday afternoon, May 19, at 3 o'clock.

Several local gathering places have been arranged in each township, and the farmers in every community notified where the meetings for their locality is to be held.

BIG MEETING FOR NASH SATURDAY

Throughout County Farmers Will Gather For Purpose of Discussing Problems of Increasing Food Supply.

While the government is marshaling its fighting forces and drilling soldiers in the art of modern warfare, the farmers of Nash county are mobilizing for the equally important "Second Line of Defense," the production of food stuffs.

On Saturday afternoon, May 19th, at 3 o'clock, there will be held through-out Nash county at about thirty-five local gathering places a group of enthusiastic meetings for the purpose of discussing the food situation and the needs of the country, and to work out definite plans of work and cooperation to increase the food production and relieve the dangerous food shortage.

The township committeemen who have had in charge the organization of this work are well qualified to make these meetings successful, and the reports from every corner of the county seem to indicate that the people are so keenly interested in the movement, that it is expected fully five thousand people will attend these meetings.

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The citizens of Nashville are so impressed with the great value of this movement that they have unanimously agreed to close all stores from three to four on Saturday afternoon, and a large attendance is expected at the meeting which will be held in Nashville.

Mr. Sam Weaver, chairman of Rocky Mount township, has arranged for the meeting in this township to be held at Schaefer's, Griffin school house, Willford's school and W. D. Carter's store.

DECORATING FOR SHRINERS MEETING

Rocky Mount is getting ready for the Shriner's. Mr. H. K. Faxon of Atlantic City, New Jersey, is in the city decorating for the Shriner's.

NEW CAVALRY TROOP FROM WILMINGTON

Raleigh, May 17.—The newly organized cavalry, troop C, at Wilmington and at Andrews, have been recognized by the War Department as units of the North Carolina National Guard, it was announced today at the adjutant's office.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE NOW DISBANDED

Directors in Meeting at Norfolk Last Night Decide to Dissolve League

ALL CLUBS IN TROUBLE

Portsmouth Club Quit First on Account of War Conditions and Decision of Directors to Disband the League Followed.

The Virginia league has ceased business for the 1917 season, at least, according to a decision reached last night by the Virginia league directors in a called meeting held in Norfolk.

With the meeting last night there was developed that not only was Portsmouth in trouble but that Petersburg and Newport News had similar affairs, and prospects of small attendance with which to continue the season, and they voted with Portsmouth that the season should be terminated.

The position of Rocky Mount up until midnight was that it was this city's desire to play ball and we had undergone great expense to this end, and that we desired to continue the season.

PLAN TO CONTINUE ONE LEAGUE

Before voting to close the season President Mayo was in receipt of advice that indicated that the Carolina league was upon the rocks with Asheville and Raleigh in distress.

MEETING TONIGHT OF LOCAL FANS

In view of the opportunity afforded in continuing the season, if it is desired, coupled with the desire of the directors to learn the sentiment of the citizens and two hundred owners of the local baseball plant there will be held tonight a public meeting starting at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, second floor Phillips building.

At this meeting all interested are urged to be present and the sentiment of the community will be ascertained as far as possible as to whether or not baseball is desired for the remainder of the season and if so a delegate will be named to the meeting to be held in Greensboro tomorrow.

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS UNTIL JULY 5TH

Amsterdam, May 17.—The reichstag has adjourned until July 5. The Socialists voted against the military and other budgets, both factions of the party uniting in their opposition.

ALLIES TRADE CONGRESS TODAY

Rome, May 17.—The economic of the Entente Allies, for trade co-operation during and after the war, will be discussed by the inter-parliamentary Commercial Congress scheduled to hold its first session here today.

GERMANS FAIL TO STOP BRITISH ADVANCE; SITUATION AS TO RUSSIA STILL DOUBTFUL

IN SHADOW OF WASHINGTON'S STATUE PARIS HOLDS GREAT CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF AMERICA'S ENTRANCE INTO WAR



Great crowd gathered around the George Washington statue on the Place d'Iena, Paris, listening to address being made by an orator who paid great homage and honor to the United States.

The above pictured incident was perhaps the most impressive of the episodes marking France's celebration of America's entry into the war.

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Government, If Given Power to Fix Maximum Prices, Would Break Corners

HOUSTON EXPLAINS

Government Would Only Exercise Authority to Break Up Corners and Prevent Extortion, if Given Power to Fix Food Prices.

BARACA-PHILATHEA MEETING OPENS

Asheville, N. C., May 17.—Delegates from all parts of the State were here today for the opening of the convention of the Baraca and Philathea chapters of North Carolina.

FAMOUS AIRMAN REPORTED KILLED

Amsterdam, May 17.—The Telegraph quotes a statement printed in a German newspaper that the famous French air man, Captain Doumer, who is reported missing, was shot down behind the German lines and killed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR J. H. CHAOTE

London, May 17.—A memorial service for the late Joseph H. Chaote, former American ambassador to Great Britain will be held at St. Margaret's church, Westminster Abbey, on Monday.

GERMANS LOSE CAPTURED VILLAGE

Berlin, May 17.—The ground which was captured by the Germans in the village of Roux yesterday morning was later lost following a strong British counter attack, says the German statement.

GERMANS CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

Berlin, May 17.—So far during the month of May, says the official statement, issued today by the German War Office the Germans on the western front have taken 2,300 English prisoners and have captured 2,700 Frenchmen.

MORE REVENUE TO BE RAISED

Treasury Department Says \$2,045,000,000 Instead of \$1,800,000,000 Needed

BILL UNDER DEBATE

Representative Kitchin Notified of the Need of the Increase and Urges Support of Proposal to Raise Income Surtax on Sums Above \$40,000.

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NO SETTLEMENT OF IRISH QUESTION

Irish Nationalist Leader Rejects Proposal of Lloyd-George for Settlement

BUT JOHN REDMOND, NATIONALIST LEADER, ACCEPTS PROPOSAL FOR CALLING CONVENTION AT ONCE TO DECIDE ON GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND.

London, May 17.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons today rejected the proposal of Premier Lloyd George for a settlement of the home rule question by accepting the proposal for immediate calling of a convention to decide on a government for Ireland.

CABINET CRISIS IN RUSSIA SETTLED

Petrograd, May 17.—A settlement of the cabinet crisis has been settled. A declaration of the government's policy has been accepted by the representatives of the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates with merely slight alterations and was signed by them at midnight.

FOREST FIRES IN THE NORTHWEST

Duluth, Minn., May 17.—From many points in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota reports continue to come today that forest fires were doing heavy damage. Only rain now can save the situation, it is declared. Hundreds are fighting the flames.

AMERICAN SHIP HILONIAN SUNK

Destroyed Off Coast of Italy With Loss of Four Members of Crew, Say Reports.

New York, May 17.—The American steamship Hilonia has been torpedoed and sunk off Genoa, Italy, with a loss of four members of the crew, according to a cablegram received here by the owners of the Universal Transportation company.

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GERMANS FAIL TO STOP ADVANCE OF TROOPS OF BRITISH

Furious Counter Attacks Break Down Under British Artillery Fire

OFFENSIVE IS BEGUN ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Allied Offensive in Macedonia Continues Successfully. Outcome of Situation in Russia Still in Doubt and No News of Importance Received.

The Germans have failed to stop the British advance. The most furious and sustained counter attacks have withered before the British artillery and the sapping of the Hindenburg line goes on slowly, but without halt.

The tremendous efforts made by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to gain the initiative have failed. Von Hindenburg evidently used every ounce of strength at his command to wrest from the British the villages of Roux and Hulocourt and the outcome is summed up in the almost monotonous repetition by the British war office of the statement: "Our troops made progress in the Hindenburg line."

Possibly more ominous for Berlin because of the wobbly condition of her Austrian ally is the news of the great blows struck by Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front and apparently with greater forces than any other previous operation.

The allied offensive in Macedonia continues with considerable success for the British forces, but the fighting is in such a wide front and so spasmodic in character that it is meaningless to report. Reports from Bulgaria of nation wide discontent and wariness of war may be significant in connection with General Sarrail's campaign.

The Russian factions have patched up a truce but the outcome is still in doubt. In any event it seems certain that little can be expected from Russian in a military way for a long time to come.

WHEAT PRICES BREAK 16 CENTS

Chicago, May 17.—May wheat prices broke as much as 16 cents a bushel today on speculations that the Entente government would sell back huge amounts of futures they bought in the United States. Opening prices ranged 7 to 16 points lower with July at \$2.41 and to \$2.22 and September at \$1.95 to \$2.00.

BLIND TIGER GETS TWELVE MONTHS

The number of defendants in the municipal court this morning made a decided increase over the holiday yesterday and many had the painful experience of appearing before Judge Fountain.

Henry Kayeiser, a negro, one of the old timeless tigers of the city was the only one to face hard at the hands of the city. Henry answered to the first charge of retailing the beverage which makes the width of the road worry you more than the length and which also causes those who associate with it too freely to alternate from one side of the sidewalk to the other. Henry was sentenced to nine months on the roads where he will take the physical culture, provided by the road district. This will improve Henry's physical condition wonderfully and is about as beneficial as training in the rammy only a little more compulsory.

But this was not all Henry had to do. He was charged with having had liquor for the purpose of sale. Hard luck accompanied Henry again and he was given three more months of training on the road district. Henry did not like the idea so he appealed, which was noted. Henry is now under a \$250 bond.

Dave Sumner, a son of the ebony race, was charged with an assault and it was deemed advisable to relieve Dave of the sum of \$12.50.

Sol Young, a negro, was charged with embezzlement and his case was not pressed with leave. Perlie Roberson, a negro, was charged with "chinking rocks" one of which atomized a window pane in the city. Alibi Ike was there, however, and Perlie had judgment suspended in the case. The A. W. Gill Oil Company answered to a charge of delivering oil on Sunday, but it was found to be a case of necessity and judgment was suspended.