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## NUMBER OF ANTI-DRAFT AGITATORS ARE UNDER ARREST

Department of Justice Making Every Effort to Quell Conscription Agitation

## ALL MEN LEAVING THE COUNTRY DETAINED

War Department Forming Final Plans For Registration and Threshing Out Minor Questions of Dispute. Exemption Claims to be Heard After Registration.

Washington, June 1.—With only four more days before Tuesday, draft registration day, the Department of Justice planned today to exert every energy to quell the anti-conscription agitation which already has resulted in a number of arrests. The War Department is equally busy threshing out the minor question growing out of the registration and answering a multitude of queries. The War Department announced that no man registering would be required to answer the question of whether he claims exemption. It will be sufficient to present his claim if he is called before an exemption board later.

Officials at seaports and along boundaries had orders to detain men seeking to leave the country wishing to avoid registration and the War Department is considering a means of enrolling Americans living abroad.

## BIG STRIKES DECIDED UPON IN PETROGRAD

London, June 1.—Strikes on other measures to paralyze production have been decided upon in more than 120 of the largest factories in Petrograd, most of which have been engaged in war work, Reuters correspondent telegraphs.

## SMALL BLAZE AT GRAND YESTERDAY

Fire yesterday at six o'clock in the operating room of the Grand Theatre destroyed seven rolls of pictures, damaged 160 machines and walls to some extent and otherwise spoiled up things. The fire was said to have been caused by a film burning up in the machine near the light and became ignited. The blaze, however, was confined easily to the operating room and there was no danger whatsoever to the other part of the theatre. There were no stampedes by the picture fans, who were in the theatre at the time and only the above damage resulted.

There was no performance at the Grand last night on account of the fact that all the fans for yesterday's program were destroyed in the blaze. The Grand will be closed until tomorrow to allow time for repairing the slight damage caused to the walls of the operating room by the intense heat. The show to day will be at the Almaz and tomorrow at one o'clock the Grand will open to its patrons as usual.

## FIREMEN TO MEET AT MOREHEAD CITY

Fayetteville, June 1.—James D. McNeill, president of the State Firemen's Association announced today that the executive committee of the organization has accepted an invitation from Morehead City to hold the annual convention there. The meeting will be held from July 24 to 26 inclusive. Mr. McNeill stated that because of the way the annual tournament would not be set in or out.

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The fire scene yesterday demonstrated in the fact that the theatre is fire proof as far as the audience is concerned. The fire-proof walls of the operating room confined the blaze to that part of the building affected and the rest of the building was not damaged in any way whatsoever. The fans are highly inflammable and on account of the manner yesterday breaking up and coming too close to the light on the machine was the immediate cause of the blaze. Out of the loss of the fans the damage to the operating room was minor or less material.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, June 1.—Cotton futures opened steady: July, 2178; October, 2125; December, 2136; January, 2139; March, 2138.

New York, June 1.—The cotton market was comparatively quite early to day with operators evidently awaiting the government report. The opening was steady at an advance of 5 to 9 points with July selling at 2181 and October at 2130 during the early trading of about 8 to 10 points net higher on ending and scattering reports.

## STOCK MARKET

New York, June 1.—For the first time in more than a fortnight initial dealings on the stock exchange today were attended by regularity. Yesterday's late selling movement was resumed in larger volume, although losses did not go beyond fractions. These were more neutralized by the strength of Metals, Oils, Sugars and Industrial Alcohol. Interest centered about United States Steel which opened minus its regular and extra dividends of 4 1/2 per cent with a sale of 4,900 shares at 130 1/8 soon touching 131 1/8. The latter quotation represented an overnight gain of 1 1/4 points. Railroads were inactive and irregular.

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## PORT OF NEW YORK CLOSED TODAY

No Outgoing Vessels Allowed to Pass Out of the Narrows. Reasons For Order Not Known.

New York, June 1.—The port of New York was closed at daylight today to outgoing vessels not even fishing boats and barges allowed to pass out the narrows. Arriving steamships were allowed to enter. The cause of the closing was not made known.

Shortly after the order prohibiting vessels from leaving the harbor became known preparations were made of close the gate in the net that stretches across the mouth of the harbor. The gate has not been closed in the day time since it was placed in position soon after diplomatic relations with Germany were severed. Both navy yard and custom officials refused information as to the reason for the move.

## ARGENTINES THINK U.S. WANTED TO FIGHT

Buenos Aires, June 1.—The Argentine view of is that the United States is going to war rather because she has a good reason. The Argentines who do think the United States had an adequate reason are also of the opinion that this reason was not the consideration which led her into war.

It is generally their judgment that the United States wanted to fight. They believe the United States to be a victim of the same sort of psychological influence which, after the commission of sensational crime of a similar, often causes the incident to be imitated by others.

They call attention to the fact that North Americans are accepting universal military service, food control and other big changes in the interests of the national service. The Argentine idea is that North Americans actually want to suffer hardships and privations because other people are doing so.

That is why Argentina is rather chary toward the attitude North America has taken.

## GUARDSMAN HURT IN FALL ON TRACKS

Julius L. Hickman, a member of G. Company, North Carolina National Guard, stationed here and who is on duty at the Coast Line bridge over the Tar River, just above the city, fell on the tracks last night and sustained an ugly gash on the head.

Just how the accident to the young man happened is not known definitely on side of the fact that he said that he fell on the railroad tracks. His guard, a guardsman on the other end of the bridge said that after a train had passed over the structure he did not see Hickman and started across the bridge to see if he was all right. He met Hickman half way the structure. The young fellow said that he was sick and his comrade saw blood trickling down his uniform found a bad gash in the head. Hickman is now resting easily at Park View Hospital and attending physician report that his condition is not serious, although they cannot tell whether any serious complications will set in or not.

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## WATCHING FOR ANTI-DRAFT GATHERINGS

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Although the Department of Justice in satisfied that German influence and money is behind efforts of various sections to interfere with registration, has officially stated that the individuals regarded as local and sporadic and not inspired by any serious organized effort.

Through the committee on public information Attorney General Gregory Wednesday night made this announcement:

The Department of Justice Wednesday communicated instructions by telephone and long distance telephones to its officers and agents in commandants wherever meetings are likely to be held at which agitation against registration as prescribed in the new army bill might be indulged in. The United States attorneys and marshals were directed to be present or represented at the meetings, and to have stenographic reports made of the addresses delivered.

These reports will be gone over carefully and arrests will be made later in all instances in which the offenders are found guilty. The police are on the alert for the penetrators of the speech bureaus and able to catch them as far as possible. Mr. Council now has a permanent place where a list of his bureaus and offices is missing. It is hoped that the guilty parties will be apprehended soon.

## COAST ARTILLERY LIEUTENANT QUIT

Raleigh, June 1.—The resignation of Lieutenant John B. Ashe, attached to the detachment of the coast artillery of the State force has been accepted and Dr. B. H. Baile has been commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the command of the detachment. It was announced today he could say that it was under complete control.

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## FRENCH TOWN, LONG UNDER GERMAN HEEL, WELCOMES RESCUERS



French women and children welcoming British troops into town just evacuated by Germans.

Perhaps no conquering heroes ever got a warmer reception than the British Tommies and French poilus who walked through terrific German fire into the villages of northern France, for which nearly three years had been under the German yoke. In the photo the populace of one of these "lost villages" is seen flocking along with one of the advance regiments. Regular marching order was impossible, for the women and children hurried them selves through the lines to thank their deliverers.

## COTTON SEVENTY PERCENT NORMAL

Condition of Growing Crop 69.5 Percent of a Normal. North Carolina 63 Percent of a Normal.

Washington, June 1.—Cold weather in April and May hurt the cotton crop severely throughout the entire South. An official station at issued today by the Department of Agriculture says: "Cotton in many places in early May was so low that frost formed even in the southern part of the cotton belt. Much cotton was killed and the damage extended widely."

Washington, June 1.—The condition of the cotton crop day was 69.5 percent of a normal compared with 77.5 percent last year and 76.1 the May 25 for years' average. The Department of Agriculture announced today in its first report of the season. The average planted in cotton will not be approached until July. Condition of the crop by states: Virginia 25; North Carolina 63; South Carolina, 70.

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## SUNBEAMS TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

## NUMBER OF CAMPS REDUCED TO HALF

Program by Members of the First Baptist Church Sunbeam Class to be Rendered Sunday Night at 8 O'clock.

The Sunbeam Society, of the First Baptist church, will render a delightful entertainment at the church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. A splendid program has been arranged by the members of the class and the public is cordially invited to attend. The program consists of songs, anthems and other features which promise to be most entertaining.

The little Sunbeams have been doing some good work and everybody come out to see what is in store for them Saturday night.

## WINDOW SHATTERED BY STORE BREAKERS

On as many occasions this morning about the same time that the two negroes attempted to enter the store of the Rutherford, L. Company, broke the plate glass windows of the establishment of W. Council. A watch in the window with a cord over it snared one of the negroes taken to the store broken. Whether they thought the watch was free and all they had to do was to break the glass and take it is not known. Anyhow they took the watch free and that was all they took.

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## TWO CASES TRIED IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Only two cases were tried this morning in municipal courts.

Thomas Carter and Ben Riddle, two negroes, were charged with attempting to break and enter a store. The attempt seems to have been on the store of Rutherford, L. Company. Officer Harrington said the two negroes when they threw a rock at a window attempted to break the glass without success and promptly pulled them. This was arrested early this morning. The two negroes were bound over to Edgecombe Superior Court.

Z. D. Thompson, a white man, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses. His case was not proved and his prosecutor P. L. Perry, associated with the court in the amount of \$5.

## MEXICANS ORDERED TO PLANT CROPS

Mexico City, June 1.—Orders have been given by Lorenzo Sepulveda, director of public charity, to all institutions under his charge, directing all lands belonging to such institutions suitable for agriculture be cultivated and the products so devoted to the support of the institutions.

## NO DECISIONS ON WAR TAX BILL

Washington, June 1.—No new decisions were reached today by the Senate Finance Committee in its revisions of the war tax bill.

## RECRUIT 924 FOR GUARD SINCE APRIL 1

Raleigh, June 1.—Statistics obtained today from the office of the adjutant general here show that since April 1, 924 enlisted men have been recruited by three units of the North Carolina National Guard not in federal service, 345 were recruited between May 20 and May 31. Recruiting by units which include the second infantry and two companies of the engineers is believed to have been as heavy. Approximately 4,500 men are needed to bring all units to full war strength it was said.

## AMERICAN SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Sailing Vessel Derigo Destroyed With Loss of One Member of Crew

## ATTACK MORE VESSELS

Two American Sailing Ships, Francis M. and Barbara, Submarine Victims Also, But Crews Are Landed Safely Without Any Casualties.

London, June 1.—The American sailing ship Derigo has been sunk by a German submarine, the crew has been landed with the exception of John Ray, third mate, who was drowned when the small boats were being launched.

A statement issued by the British admiralty says that the Derigo was attacked by gunfire by a German submarine which gave no warning. The vessel was subsequently sunk by bombs after it had been rammed by the crew. The sinking occurred May 30 and the crew was landed at Plymouth.

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