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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1, 1917.

NUMBER OF ANTI DRAFT AGITATORS ARE UNDER ARREST

Department of Justice Making Every Effort to Quell Conspiration 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-conspiration agitation which already has resulted in a number of arrests.

BIG STRIKES DECIDED UPON IN PETROGRAD

London, June 1.—Strikes or other measures to paralyze production have been decided upon in more than 120 of the world's factories.

SMALL BLAZE AT GRAND YESTERDAY

Five yesterday at six o'clock in the evening room of the Grand Theatre destroyed seven rods of pictures, damaged the machinery and 821c to some extent and otherwise caused a loss of \$100.

There was no performance at the Grand last night on account of the fact that all the films for yesterday's program were destroyed in the blaze.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 1.—Cotton futures opened steady, July, 21.75; October, 21.25; December, 21.36; January, 21.05; March, 21.58.

New York, June 1.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet early today with operators evidently awaiting the government report.

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 irregularity.

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.

Shortly after the order prohibiting access from leaving the harbor became known preparations were made of closing the gate in the net that stretches across the mouth of the harbor.

ARGENTINES THINK U. S. WANTED TO FIGHT

Buenos Aires, June 1.—The Argentine view of it that the United States is going to war rather because she has a good excuse than 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.

GUARDSMAN HURT IN FALL ON TRACKS

Julius L. Hickman, a member of G. Company, North Carolina National Guard, stationed here, was hurt in a fall on the tracks last night.

Just how the accident to the young man happened is not known definitely on the part of the fact that he fell on the railroad tracks. His fall was caused by the fact that a train had passed over the structure he did not see.

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.

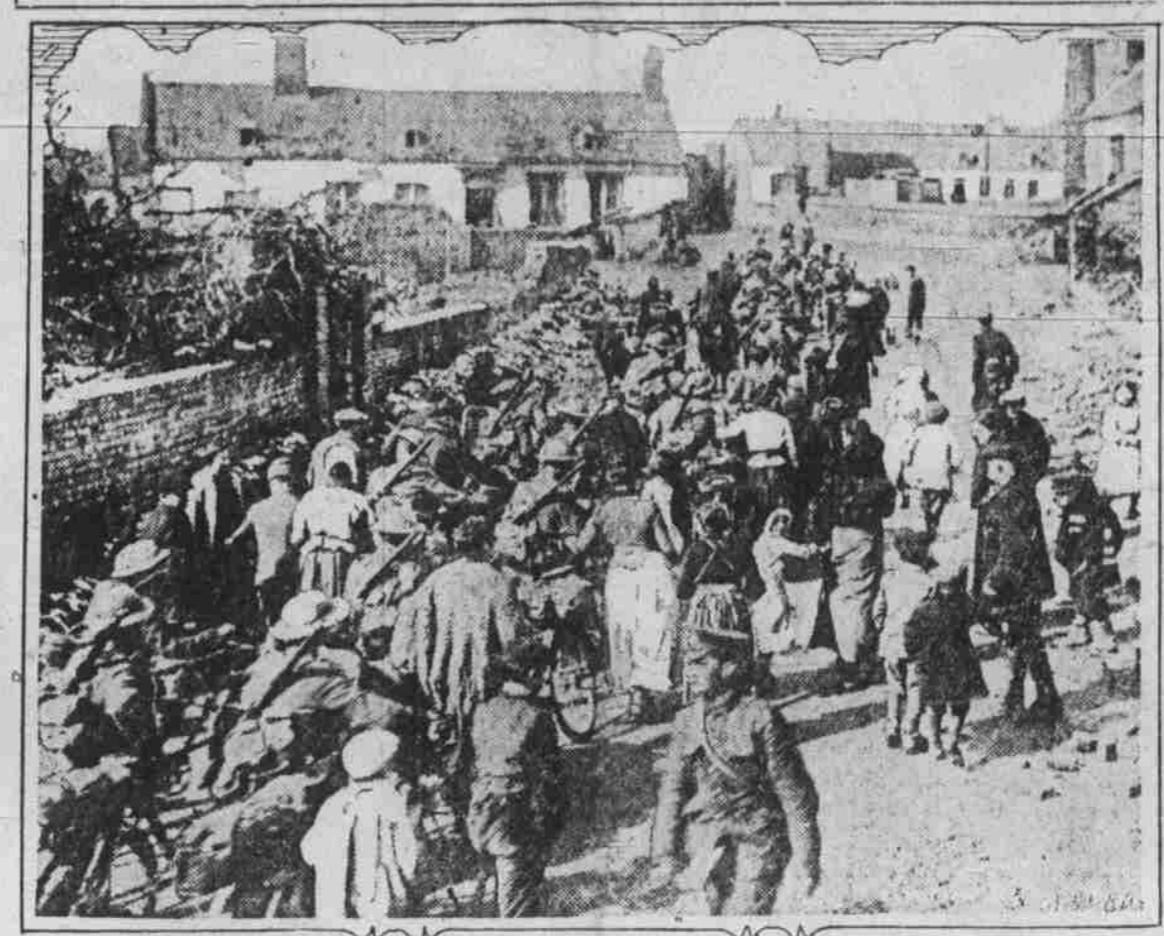
EPIDEMIC DUE TO IMPURE WATER

Raleigh, June 1.—Since the outbreak of an epidemic of typhoid fever at Cameron, Blount county on April 7, approximately 100 cases of the disease have developed, several fatal.

LOSS OF FOOD SHIPS VERY SMALL

London, June 1.—Great Britain's loss in cereal ships has been only six per cent, according to a statement to the Associated Press today by Kennedy Jones, director of food economy.

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, which for nearly three years had been under the German yoke.

COTTON SEVENTY PERCENT NORMAL

Washington, June 1.—Cold weather in April and May hurt the cotton crop severely, throughout the entire South. An official statement issued today by the Department of Agriculture says: "The crop is now about 70 per cent of normal."

WATCHING FOR ANTI-DRAFT GATHERINGS

Washington, June 1.—Special orders were given government officials throughout the country Wednesday to keep close watch upon meetings at which there is likely to be agitation against registration under the new draft act.

COAST ARTILLERY LIEUTENANT QUILTS

Raleigh, June 1.—The resignation of Lieutenant John B. Ashe, attached to the detachment of the coast artillery of the State Army has been accepted.

PRESIDENT ADVISES ALL TO REGISTER

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson, in a proclamation issued today, urged all persons, young and old, to register by staying in the country.

SUNBEAMS TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Sunbeam Society of the First Baptist church will render a delightful entertainment at the church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

WINDOW SHATTERED BY STORE BREAKERS

One or more persons this morning shattered the window of the store of the Richmond Lumber Company.

TWO CASES TRIED IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Only two cases were tried this morning in municipal court.

BRITISH BOMBARD BELGIAN TOWNS

London, June 1.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped by British air craft on the Belgian towns of Ghent, Zeebrugge and Bruges.

RECRUIT 921 FOR GUARD SINCE APRIL 1

Raleigh, June 1.—Statistics obtained today from the office of the adjutant general here that since April 1, 921 enlisted men have been recruited by three units of the North Carolina National Guard.

NO DECISIONS ON WAR TAX BILL

Washington, June 1.—No new decisions were rendered today by the Senate Finance committee in its revision of the House war tax bill.

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NUMBER OF CAMPS REDUCED TO HALF

Washington, June 1.—It was explained at the War Department today that the decision to reduce the number of army camps from 32 to 16 and quarter the men provided for in tent had been reached because the cantonment system had been found nearly twice as expensive as expected.

PRESIDENT WILSON BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson yesterday joined the ranks of participants in the Liberty loan by subscribing for a \$10,000 bond.

MEXICANS ORDERED TO PLANT CROPS

Mexico City, June 1.—Orders have been given by Lorenzo Sepulveda, director of public charity, to all inhabitants under his charge directing them to plant crops.

HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL CLOSES

Fayetteville, June 1.—Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of Flora Macdonald College, delivered the commencement address at the graduating exercises of the Cumberland General Hospital Training School, in the Central School Auditorium, Wednesday night.

OBSCURE BIRTHDAY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

Mobile, June 1.—Veterans of the G. A. R., and the Confederacy will unite with the Daughters of the Confederacy here this afternoon while in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Jefferson Davis.

CARRANZA PUTS BAN ON BULL FIGHTS

Mexico City, June 1.—Regulation bull fights now are prohibited in Mexico by decree of President Carranza but, recently, contests in which the bull is not killed, known as "novilladas" have been sanctioned.

AMERICAN SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Sailing Vessel Derigio 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 Derigio 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 Derigio was attacked by a German submarine which gave no warning.

London, June 1.—The American sailing ship Francis M. was attacked by a German submarine on morning of May 18, according to a report from Cadix, given out today by the admiralty.

ALLIES CAPTURE 31,829 GERMANS

On the French front in France, May 31, from a staff correspondent of the Associated Press, June 1.—Between April 15 and May 24, the number of German prisoners falling into French hands reached a total of 31,829 of whom 28,045 were unarmoured.

MAN WHO SUNK EMDEN PROMOTED

Sydney, Australia, June 1.—Captain J. C. Glossop who commanded the Australian cruiser Sydney in her victorious action with the German raider Emden off the Coors Islands in the Indian Ocean in November 1914, whereby the young Commonwealth navy received its baptism of fire, will soon assume command of the naval establishment at Sydney.

THIRTEEN INJURED IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.—A terrific explosion of dynamite took place this morning in a frame store and apartment building on Woodland avenue demolishing the building and injuring thirteen persons.

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ALLIES PREPARING FOR RENEWAL OF GREAT OFFENSIVE

As Soon as Moment is Ripe Allies Will Renew Push Against Germans

BRITISH MAKE GAINS IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Only Minor Actions Occurred on War Front in France Last Night. French and British Getting Ready for Resumption of Spring Drive.

Despatches from the French front in France today indicate a renewal of the offensive against the Germans there as soon as the moment is considered ripe for an attack.

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DIRIGIBLE PLEASES OFFICIALS OF NAVY

Washington, June 1.—Navy officials, enthusiastic over the successful builders trial of the first of 16 non-rigid dirigible balloons ordered by the department two months ago, yesterday that the dirigible program now was nearing completion much sooner than had been expected.

The dirigible left Chicago at midnight Monday night and arrived without accident Wednesday afternoon at Akron, Ohio.

The ship was designed for delivery within four months, but the builders will turn the first ship over for active duty in coast patrol work within less than ninety days of the day of the contract, and thereafter one or more will be delivered every week.

The trip from Chicago to Akron, covered more than 400 miles. It was made under direction of the builders, the Goodyear Rubber Company and did not constitute an official test, but it was so successful navy officials are confident that a valuable type similar to the Blimp, of the British navy, has been produced.

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