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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2, 1917.

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TWENTY THREE ARE KILLED YESTERDAY BY TERRIFIC WINDS

Over Two Hundred Injured When Tornadoes Strike Middle Western States

PROPERTY DAMAGE IN STATES IS ENORMOUS

Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri Again Victims of Tornadoes Which Have Been Sweeping Mississippi Valley for Past Week. Snow Falls in Kansas.

Kansas City, June 2.—Twenty three persons were killed, more than 200 injured and property valued at hundreds of dollars was destroyed, according to advices from various communities in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri which were swept by tornadoes late yesterday and last night.

Coal Gate, Oklahoma, a mining center, suffered the heaviest loss of life, 11 persons were killed there. More than 150 houses were destroyed and a number of persons injured some of them it was stated could not recover. The usual number of freaks of the storm began to be reported.

At Wraque, Okla., where five members of the family of W. A. Williams including himself, wife, two daughters and a son were killed and other son blind who could make no effort to escape the tornadoes approach was uninjured. The abnormal conditions which produced the tornadoes brought snow in western Kansas counties last night. One report declared the fall amounted to four inches at the Colorado state line.

CURB SALESMEN PROLIFIC IN N. Y.

New York, June 2.—Manhattan's array of street fakirs has seized upon the patriotic spirit and capitalized it. There are more curb salesmen to the square foot on lower Broadway today than anywhere else, outside a county fair.

Pictures of the Kaiser which, when folded, change into pictures of pigs, are going like wildfire. Books telling how to become an American citizen are eagerly gobbled. Copies of Wilson's war message, histories of the war, all Red flags, patriotic buttons, war maps, photographs of the allied commissioners, war games, star-spangled banners, neckties, paper flags to glue on your collar, photograph mementos of allied athletes, pictures of our fleet, cigars for soldiers, Marshal Joffre in vivid hues, miniature Statues of Liberty, naval battle puzzles, war manuals, police whistles to be blown "when spies are nabbed," all these and scores of other devices are seized by patriotic New Yorkers until the peddlers' palms are calloused handling cash.

Even the beggars' receipts have jumped since they started playing "America" on their mouthpieces.

MRS. H. HINTON, OF RED OAK, DEAD

Mrs. H. Hinton, age 28, of Red Oak died last night at the Rocky Mount Sanatorium after a prolonged illness. She particularly as to who she is surviving in and where the funeral will be held have been ascertained.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 2.—Cotton futures opened steady, July 22.30; October 21.85; December 21.94; January 22.00. March no quotation.

New York, June 2.—There was a renewal of the bull movement in the cotton market today. The market was 7 to 10 points lower under realizing, but ferings however, were readily absorbed and the market made new price records for the season before the July sold above the 22 cent level with July selling at 22.55 and October, 22.15, making an advance of 112 points from the low level of yesterday on the active new crop positions.

New York, June 2.—Cotton closed steady, July 22.17; October, 21.70; December, 21.78; January, 21.80; March, 21.88.

STOCK MARKET

New York, June 2.—The several war groups were again at the front in the early trading. Steels, oils, Industrial Alcohol, American Woolen and several other equipment issued advancing 1 to 2 points. United States steel rose a large fraction where it met profit taking with other leaders. Metals were higher. Shippings were backward with motors and rails and on light demand. Dealings quickened later, steel and copper increasing their early advances.

REGISTRATION DAY PROGRAM MADE

Two Parades, One For Whites and One For Colored People, on Program

PARADES AT 5 O'CLOCK

White Marchers to Assemble at Ricks Hotel and Colored Marchers at The Lincoln School. Arm Bands for Those Who Register. Program Below.

The plans for observing Registration Day, June 5, in Rocky Mount, at which time every man in the city will have to register if he is between the ages of 21 and 31 years, have been perfected and are as follows: The day will be observed as a patriotic event on account of the fact that it will be registration day; as a day for the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds and as a day for getting members for the local Red Cross chapter, which will be formed Monday afternoon.

There will be two parades, one to be participated in by the whites and the other by the colored people.

The parade for the white people will assemble at the Ricks Hotel at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, from whence they will proceed to Braswell Park, where a joint patriotic meeting will be held, with prominent local speakers, patriotic songs by a picked choir of the singers of the city and a concert by the Rocky Mount Concert Band.

The line of march for the white parade will be as follows: The procession will be headed by the Rocky Mount Concert Band, followed by the United National Guardsmen stationed here, the white men who registered, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross members, fire department, and police department. Behind these organizations will come the decorated automobiles. Every owner of an automobile in the city is urged to have his or her machine decorated in the national colors and participate in the parade.

The colored parade will start from the Ricks Hotel, the out Hammond street and enter Main, and from there down Main to Braswell Park. The colored parade at Douglas Drug Store on the corner of Main and Thomas streets.

The colored parade will form at the Lincoln graded school. The line of march will be as follows: The colored band will lead the marchers, followed by the negro men who register, Colored Boy Scouts, Colored Girl Scouts, Colored Red Cross members, members of the Colored Woman's Federation, colored citizens and decorated automobiles. The marchers will join in behind the white procession at the corner of Main and Thomas streets and both processions will proceed therefrom to Braswell park, where the patriotic service will be held. A detailed program of the service will be announced Monday.

Girl Scouts of Mrs. W. H. Horne and Mrs. E. J. Bulluck's troops will be stationed at curb registration place and will join an arm band on every white man that registers on registration day.

Mrs. W. J. Bryan and Mrs. C. E. Rich, two colored women of the city, will have charge of the pinning of arm bands on the colored men of the city who register on registration day.

The plan of campaign for the getting of Red Cross members will be under the supervision of Mrs. W. E. Kemner and Mrs. Henry Thorpe, who will have their headquarters that day at Graham's Drug Store. Ten teams of young ladies will canvass every street in the city for members and will report throughout the day the number of members who have promised to enroll themselves for Red Cross work. Men as well as women will be asked to join the Red Cross Chapter and it is hoped that there will be hearty response on the part of the men and women of the city to the campaign that will be waged by the two ladies and their canvassers. Let every one that can conveniently do so become a member of the Red Cross Chapter of Rocky Mount.

The sale of Liberty Loan Bonds will also be pushed on registration day, and every man that does not register is urged to buy a Liberty Bond and do his duty to the country in that manner. A great number of bonds have already been sold and it is expected that a great many more will be disposed of on registration day.

So let every citizen in the city do his or her part to carry out the above program and make registration day in Rocky Mount the greatest patriotic event in the history of the city. Let everybody come out and June 5 and do his or her bit to help Uncle Sam.

PITTMAN-TAYLOR WEDDING YESTERDAY

William H. Pittman, of this city, and Miss Reatha Lillian Taylor, also of Rocky Mount, were married yesterday afternoon at Nashville. Rev. Creesh, pastor of the Baptist church at Nashville performed the ceremony. The young couple is well known here and their many friends offer their best wishes for a happy married life. Mr. Pittman is employed in the mechanical department of the Evening Telegram. They will make their home in Rocky Mount.

TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS MONDAY

Charter Has Been Received and Meeting Called for 5 O'clock Monday Afternoon. Members Wanted.

L. E. Tibbory, temporary chairman of the Rocky Mount Red Cross Chapter, has called a meeting of the ladies and gentlemen of the city, to gather at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Monday afternoon, June 4, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting organization of the chapter and electing permanent officers. Mr. Tibbory is temporary chairman of the chapter and J. H. Hays is temporary secretary. The meeting was called as to the charter, which has been sometime in getting here from the Red Cross headquarters at Atlanta, was received and it was decided to go to work at once and organize the chapter.

The Red Cross Chapter for the city has been talked to a considerable extent and many ladies have been lined up to be enrolled as members as soon as the charter was received. The call meeting could not be made until the charter was received and as that was received today the organization of the chapter will be made Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

It should be understood that men as well as women are eligible to membership in the chapter and that men and women in the country as well as in the city can be members. It is hoped that there will be a big gathering Monday afternoon and that a number of men and women will enroll themselves for Red Cross work in the city. Let all interested come out and give the chapter a good start.

PREPARE TO RECEIVE 3,000 OLD SOLDIERS

Washington, June 2.—Arrangements were completed last night for the reception here today of General George P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and his staff, who will arrive early for the veterans reunion to be held next week. General Harrison will be met at the Union Station by a local committee and several hundred veterans who have already arrived.

General Bennett Young, of Louisville, past commander in chief, also is expected here today and General William Mickle, of New Orleans, adjutant general and chief of staff, will come Sunday.

The local committee announced last night that accommodations have been provided for three thousand veterans and several thousand others will stay with friends or at hotels where they already have reservations. Railroad officials notified the Washington police last night that they count on bringing 75,000 persons to Washington for the reunion.

The camp field near the airport today took on the appearance of a circus ground with four big tents to be used as mess halls, barracks and headquarters nearly completed.

A place of honor in the parade next Thursday and other exercises of reunion week has been provided for the Confederate life and arm corps, coming from Raleigh, N. C.

TWO GIVEN ROAD SENTENCES TODAY

There were a few cases this morning at the municipal court. Most of the offenders were handed fines and some escaped the iron hand of the law of justice with the aid of Alibi Ike.

John Lucas, a negro, was charged with retailing liquor and was found not guilty.

Seal Bethen a negro, was charged with vagrancy and was given thirty days on the roads.

Robert Williams, another negro, was charged with vagrancy and was also given thirty days on the roads.

Clyde Justice, white, was charged with disorderly conduct and was found not guilty.

Charlie Williams, a negro, was charged with disorderly conduct, and was fined \$10.

CONFEDERATE CHIEFS ARRIVE AT CAPITAL

Washington June 2.—The arrival here today of General George P. Harrison of Opelika, Ala., commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans and General Bennett Young, of Louisville, past commander in chief, marked the opening of ceremonies preliminary to the Confederate Veterans reunion here next week. Several hundred of the veterans and thousands expected already have arrived and the city is decorated with United States and Confederate flags.

REPORT GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS ARRESTED

London, June 2.—The arrest of Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander of the Grand Russian armies in consequence of royal riots at Tiflis is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch reporting advices received from Petrograd.

DISSATISFACTION IN GERMANY GROWING

Disappointment Over Political Results of Ruthless Submarine Policy

NO PEACE PROSPECTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Advocates of Ruthless Submarine Campaign Promised that U-Boats Would Conquer England but four Months Have Passed and England has Not Weakened.

Copenhagen, June 2.—Private advices from Germany tell of growing dissatisfaction among the people as with the political results of the ruthless submarine campaign with the absence of any indications that it has brought the expected peace near at hand. During the long campaign for the unrestricted submarine warfare the advocates made very definite promises of immediate results. Two or three months was the phrase used everywhere in regard to the time it would take to bring England to her knees ready for peace. Even though the official propaganda has since declared the government bound itself to no particular time to produce results, the prediction that they would be maintained in two or three months has remained in the public mind.

Grumblings are now heard that even though four months have passed, that England shows no signs of weakening but seems determined to prosecute the war more bitterly than ever. Statements that France has been bled white and will be forced to retire from the war have been made a-often that they no longer attract the slightest attention. The entry of the United States into the war and the rupture of relations between Germany and the bulk of the western world, notes of Europe is taken seriously and is regarded with gloom.

VOTE PROBABLE ON FOOD BILL TODAY

Senate Resumes Discussion of First Administration Food Bill With Final Vote Today in Prospect.

Washington, June 2.—The senate today entered upon what was generally expected to be the last day of consideration of the Administration first food bill with debate limited to 10 minutes for each speaker. A final vote probably will be had before adjournment for the day.

GOLDSBORO SCHOOL HOUSE DISFIGURED

Goldsboro, June 2.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Goldsboro graded school held last night the board decided to offer a reward of \$25 for evidence which would lead to the conviction of the party or parties who, on Wednesday night of this week, defaced the high school building with paint, and also painted pictures on the walls naming them after a number of the teachers, the principal and superintendent, underscoring same with vile language.

BURGOW FORMS RED CROSS CHAPTER

Burgow, June 2.—To quite a representative audience composed of ladies Mrs. Catherine Martin of Washington delivered a very interesting address Wednesday in the courthouse on the subject of the Red Cross, its aims and purposes. After the address a local Red Cross Society was organized with 41 members and the following officers: Mrs. J. T. Bland, Sr., president; J. J. Best, Esq., vice president; Mrs. C. C. Branch, secretary, and Miss Jennette Moore, treasurer. Nearly every person present enrolled as members and quite a large number have enrolled since. It is expected that the society here will be active in the work of the Red Cross.

ANOTHER LOAN TO FRANCE TODAY

This Makes Total of \$200,000,000 Advanced France

Washington, June 2.—The government advanced another \$100,000,000 to the French Republic today making the total \$200,000,000 making the total loan to the allies \$854,000,000.

713 AIRPLANES ARE SHOT DOWN IN MAY

Germans Lose 442 and British 271 During Fighting on Western Front During Last Month.

LONDON, June 2.—The morning papers figure that 713 air planes were shot down on the western front in May of which 442 were Germans and 271 British and French. British headquarters admitted the loss of 80 machines, but as the French did not announce any war losses it is impossible to verify the inference that they lost 155. It is worthy of note that the estimate of 271 is compiled from German official reports. The total air losses for April were estimated at 709.

GUYNEMER CREDITED WITH 43 MACHINES

Paris, June 2.—Captain George Guynemer, most famous of all French air aviators, has brought down five more German airplanes, two of them in one minute. The captain now is credited officially with having destroyed 43 enemy machines.

Between May 17 and May 31, the French airmen brought down 32 German machines, and 37 others are believed to have fallen to earth behind the German line. The following official account of aerial activities was given out here yesterday.

"In the period between May 17 and May 31, thirty-two German machines were destroyed on our front during aerial combats, in addition fifty-seven others which were damaged seriously and probably crashed to earth within the enemy lines. Captain Guynemer brought down in five minutes four of them on the same day. Two of these airplanes were felled in one minute, which is perhaps the first time in the war that such a thing has been accomplished. These five new victories bring up to 43 the number of German machines destroyed thus by this valiant officer."

In the same period Lieutenant Pinaré put out of action three German machines, triumphing over the fifty-fifth adversary. Here are the names of other pilots who have increased the number of their exploits: "Adjutant Madon, 12 machines; Sub-Lieutenant Tarsson, 11; Adjutant Jallier two; Captain Mattion six; Sergeant Souffrier five."

AGREEMENT REACHED ON WAR BUDGET

Washington, June 2.—Agreement was reached today by Senate and House conferees on the \$1,000,000,000 war budget including provisions for \$750,000,000 for an American merchant marine and \$2,000,000 for a naval base on the old Jamestown Exposition site. The House conferees yielded and retained in the bill the Senate appropriations of \$1,400,000 for purchase of the Jamestown Exposition site and other property costing \$600,000 on Hampton Roads for naval training purposes.

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TO RAISE \$100,000,000 FOR THE RED CROSS



Seward Prosser, prominent banker and director of many big business enterprises, is chairman of the Red Cross war finance committee which proposes to raise \$100,000,000 during the week of June 18-25. This is the largest amount America has ever been asked to contribute to war relief of any sort. Mr. Prosser will personally direct the work in New York.

GENERAL WOOD VISITS ATLANTA

Atlanta, June 2.—Major General Wood commanding the southeastern department was here a short time today enroute to Chattanooga from headquarters at Charleston. General Wood stated that he had not been officially advised of any change in army training plans as indicated under previous instruction. Three of the twelve camp sites originally planned have not been selected, but General Wood had stated that Memphis and Charlotte, N. C., were being considered.

STATES THAT MERIDIAN, MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS CAMP SITES FOR TRAINING ARMIES

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GENERAL CADORNA RENEWS OFFENSIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Scores Advance of Two and Half Miles in Direction of Triest

GERMANS CONTINUE ATTACKS IN FRANCE

Germans Capture French Positions on One Thousand and Yard Front on Western Line. Increased Aerial Activity Noted in Ypres Region. Germans Capture Prisoners.

General Cadorna has set his effective military machine in motion his report today again showing a renewal of the Italian thrust in the direction of Triest. The new advance was scored on a 2 1/2 mile front south of Castagnavizza along which the Italians pushed something like a quarter of a mile nearer their goal.

The Germans are showing a disposition to continue their attacks on the Aisne front. They announced today the capture by surprise of a French position about 1,000 yards long northeast of Soissons. In reporting this engagement last night the Paris War Office declared the Germans were expelled but a few elements of the advanced trenches in which they had gained a foothold.

British bombs were again dropped by the ton on German bases along the Belgian coast. This was the second successive night in which successive bombing operations were carried out by air craft against Ostend and Bruges and also Zebrugghe, also one of the chief German bases.

An intensive and systematic destructive effort apparently is being made. This aerial activity on the entente side in Belgium is coupled within an increasing artillery battle in the Ypres district. No infantry movements aside from British raids in force, however, have yet developed on the Belgian front. The taking of 12,700 prisoners on the Franco-Belgian front during May, together with three guns, 211 machine guns and other war material is claimed in the German official statement.

NEW TOBACCO PLANT FOR WILSON

Wilson, June 2.—Hughes, Thomas & Co., Inc., of Greenville, large independent tobacco buyers are erecting in South Wilson a modern brick storage plant that will cost \$15,000—to be completed by the opening of the next tobacco season. This new concern will be conducted under the firm name of Hughes, O'Brien & Co. This firm has plants at Greenville and Kinston, also at Danville, Va., and Darlington, S. C.

RETURN TO STATE AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Mr. James G. Darden is returning tomorrow to his home in New York after a brief visit at the home of Mr. James C. Braswell the president of the Planters National Bank of this city and of Battleboro, N. C. Darden's visit to this city is significant in that it renews acquaintances made thirty years or more ago when a youth he ran away from his home in Martin county, and boy-like was going west to win his fortune. But his trip lost the romantic after less than a hundred miles had been made and he stopped at the home of the late T. P. Braswell near Battleboro, and it was while he was there that he made the acquaintance of Mr. J. C. Braswell near Battleboro, and it was while he was there that he made acquaintance of Mr. J. C. Braswell whose guest he has been for the past week. The two recalled with interest the chores and the farm duties of thirty years ago, and finally the return of young Darden to his parents.

Mr. Darden left North Carolina when but fourteen years of age, and went west serving through the ambitious stage of every boys life to be a cowboy. His energy, good judgment and business acumen caused him to come in contact with some of the men who were making the west at that time and Mr. Darden earned an independent fortune. He has been prominently in the public eye since his return to the east to spend the residue of his life, and as a prominent Republican he toured the country on a speaking trip for Col. Theodore Roosevelt during his first campaign. He was a member of the American commission purchased for the government the property on which the Panama Canal has been built, and he served with that commission until the canal was finally completed.