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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6, 1917.

MILLIONS OF AGE FOR U. S. MILITARY SERVICE REGISTER

War Department Today Is Receiving Reports From All Sections

GREAT MANY MAKE NO CLAIM EXEMPTION

A Million Men are to Be Selected From the Ten Million Who Were Registered Yesterday Throughout the Nation.

Washington, June 6.—Americans millions of the military age prescribed by Congress are registered for war.

In every state in the union reports from the polling places to which some ten million young men marched yesterday to record their names were being assembled for transmission to the war department.

The men selected about a million as now estimated will be called to the colors and put into training early in the fall.

The War Department expects full returns to show that a large proportion of young men exercised their prerogative and declined to claim exemption, even though many had dependents or disabilities.

Any who registered may still volunteer until selection day for any branch of the army, navy and marine corps and automatically pass from the ranks subject to conscription, the War Department pointed out.

NO FIGURES YET REGARDED FINAL

Washington, June 6.—Protest Marching General Crowder announced this morning that as much as all registers had been given until noon today to make up their reports that no complete returns of registration could be expected until late today.

REPORTS IN STATE SLOW COMING IN

Raleigh, June 6.—The number of men who registered in North Carolina will not be known before night and possibly not before tomorrow, according to officials. County registration boards not today to tabulate the figures of the precincts in their counties and those which complete were to be sent by telegraph to Governor Bickett.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 6.—Cotton futures opened steady, July 22.65; October 21.95; December 22.08; January 22.07; March 22.50.

New York, June 6.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness today opening steadily at an advance of 22 to 24 points. There was enough profit taking to cause some irregularity right after the call, but the offerings were soon taken with July selling up to 22.78 and October to 22.10 before the end of the first hour or about 39 to 46 points net higher.

STOCK MARKET

New York, June 6.—Wall street seemed to place a very favorable construction over the events attending at the holiday, judging from the strength of today's trading. There were fairly wide openings in several of the more prominent industrial and commodities notably United States Steel, Bethlehem Steel, new stock and Baldwin Locomotive at gains of 1 1/2 to 2 points.

STEAMER SINKS GERMAN U-BOAT

Armed American Steamer and U-Boat Exchange Sixty Shots

STEAMER SCORES HIT

Official Announcement of State Department Says Fight Lasted Hour and Half Until U-Boat Apparently Was Hit.

Washington, June 6.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer in a running fight lasting an hour and a half in which 35 shots were fired by the submarine and 25 by the steamer.

NEW BOAT LINE FOR CAROLINA PORTS

New Bern, June 6.—Out of a season of doubt and quietness came the announcement that the much talked and written of boat line will soon be a reality.

A step towards the early operation was made yesterday when Mr. M. D. W. Stevenson was appointed to represent the Virginia-Carolina Transportation Company of New Bern.

The company expects to operate three steamers on this line, two freight and one passenger. Stops will be made at Oriental, Elizabeth City, Norfolk and Newport News.

The passenger steamer is already completed and will be here in about 30 days. The name of this craft is the "Maekine."

The company will use the Blades dock, which is now being enlarged to this purpose. Commodious warehouses will be erected and will have ample room and conveniences for the merchant who will give this company their business.

UNCOVER PLOT GERMAN AGENTS

St. Louis Manufacturer of Munitions Was to Have Been Kidnaped, Reports Attorney.

Springfield, Mo., June 6.—Plans to kidnap a St. Louis manufacturer of munitions as a part of a German conspiracy to block the shipment of such supplies were uncovered here today by the prosecuting attorney, J. C. Piersall, one of the six men held in the conspiracy with the disappearance of Lloyd Kent, the 14-month old son of John Holland Kent, wealthy banker. The attorney announced the confession.

PRISON REFORMERS GET THE BLAME

Illinois Penitentiary Warden Knew the Trouble was Pending, He Declares Today.

Joliet, Ill., June 6.—Evidence that the revolt in the Illinois State penitentiary here yesterday was planned with care on the preceding night was revealed today by the prison officials.

A. L. Bowen, acting warden said he had known of the impending trouble but because of the demoralized condition of the institution he considered that the outbreak had to come and that he considered that the sooner it was over the better. Misguided efforts by women at prison reform were blamed by Mr. Bowen for lax discipline in the prison. The prison was quiet today and seven men injured in the riot during which two buildings were burned and while finally was quelled by troops of the Illinois National Guard, will recover. One prisoner killed during the outbreak.

GERMANS LOSE SIX AIRPLANES OF TOTAL OF SIXTEEN IN RAID

The British Take Heavy Toll From Attacking Aircraft in Night Raid

BRITISH ATTACK WITH MUCH FURY AT LENS

Germany's Military Authorities Surprised Last Night by British Attack on South End of Line, and Capture Many Prisoners.

British activities in the vicinity of Lens indicate that General Haig has determined to make the country and the mining district and around it so uncomfortable for the Germans that they will be forced to retire from it.

While the artillery was roaring away in Belgium, giving promise of a British offensive movement there was an attack suddenly launched last night at the vicinity of Lens, towards the Scarpe. The thrust was a successful one in the further process of rendering Lens untenable.

The recent naval and aerial operations on a German base in Belgium have been notably successful. Photographic observations have revealed heavy damages to ship yards and work shops at Ostend.

The French have had to withstand two or more heavy German attacks in the region northwest of Bray in the Aisne district. The Germans not only failed to gain their objective but lost heavily.

The latest German air raid on England seemed to have resulted somewhat disastrously for the raiding force. Besides having two of their machines brought down during the raid, they lost four more during the flight back some through the attacks of British anti-aircraft forces and other from Dunkirk.

London, June 6.—Four of the German airplanes returning from yesterday's raid over England were destroyed by British pilots it is announced officially.

GERMANS ATTACK TOWN SIBERNESS

Berlin, June 6.—A German air squadron has dropped more than 5000 kilograms of bombs on military establishments at Sheerness, England. German army headquarters announced today. Good hits were observed.

WINSLOW-PARIS WEDDING JUNE 20

The following invitation to the wedding of Miss Nannie Paris, and Mr. Francis R. Winslow, both of this city, has been received.

Miss Adelaide Paris, Destroz, your presence at the marriage of her niece Miss Nannie, Garrett Paris.

Mr. Francis Edward Winslow On Wednesday the twentieth of June at half after nine o'clock in the morning Church of the Good Shepherd.

Miss Nannie Paris has been teaching at one of the public schools of the city and is well known here.

Mr. Winslow is a young attorney of Rocky Mount. Both the young people have a host of friends who wish them a happy embarkation on the sea of matrimony on June 20.

TRINITY CONFERS HONORARY DEGREES

Three Are Given Degree of Doctors of Law at Commencement Exercises Today.

Durham, June 6.—Trinity College today conferred honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws upon Dr. John Franklin Crowell of New York, former president of Trinity College, Bruce R. Payne, president of George Peabody College for Teachers and Prof. W. H. Pogram for 44 years professor of chemistry in Trinity. The commencement address was delivered by Hamilton Holt of New York, editor of the Independent on the subject, "The Declaration of International Independence."

ANOTHER TORNADO HITS IN KANSAS

Fifteen Killed and Over Fifty Are Injured By Last Night's Tornado

COMMUNICATION CUT

The Tornado Sweeps Over Large Area and Brings Death and Large Property Destruction in Missouri and Kansas.

Kansas City, June 6.—Tornadoes caused the death of 14 persons, the injury of half a hundred, and much property damage last night in Missouri and Kansas, dispatches from various sections today showed. Telegraph and telephone lines are down in part of the storm area and when the complete advices are received the death list may be increased.

OLD GLORY FLIES OVER A. C. L. SHOPS

Stars and Stripes Impressively Raised With Appropriate Ceremonies Yesterday at Shops at South Rocky Mount.

The Stars and Stripes was raised over the round house office at the Atlantic Coast Line shops at South Rocky Mount yesterday afternoon by the employees of the railroad. The flag is now flying in the breeze from a sixty foot steel pole, which is erected over the round house office.

The program was opened by Mr. W. A. August, master of the ceremonies for the flag raising, who made a short and stirring talk. Mr. C. L. Gay offered the prayer for the occasion.

The next number after the band had rendered "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was a reading of the "Origin and History of Our Flag," by Mr. J. N. Rahrer.

Then followed "American," which was played by the band in splendid style.

Mr. J. A. Harper made a patriotic talk to the men next and his forceful discourse was heartily and enthusiastically cheered by those who heard him.

After Mr. Harper's excellent speech, the Stars and Stripes was slowly raised by Dixie Middleton, the seven year old daughter of Foreman Middleton, of the round house. The big crowd stood with bared heads as the national emblem, which stands for more than any other flag in the world, was raised and the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

NEW JERSEY IS SHORT ESTIMATE

The Census Bureau Gives More Than Registered by Fifty Thousand, According to Reports.

Washington, June 6.—Governor Edge of New Jersey, reported registration returns practically completed showing 261,245. The census estimates for New Jersey was 309,563.

FINAL RETURNS FROM NEW JERSEY

Washington, June 6.—Complete returns from New Jersey, the first in come in showed registration of 262,566. The estimate by the census bureau was 309,563. At noon no governor of any State had made a complete report.

GOTHAM'S ARTISTS GAMBOL TODAY

New York, June 6.—New York's artists made merry today in Macdougall alley, the northwest corner of Washington Square, which was transformed into a Neapolitan street for the occasion. Some of the city's biggest art figures joined the carnival.

1,759 REGISTERED IN ROCKY MOUNT DURING YESTERDAY

Success of Registration Exceeded Expectations of Registrars Here

EVERY ONE ANSWERED QUESTIONS WILLINGLY

1,019 Register in Nash County Side and 740 on Edgecombe Side. Everybody Helped Make Registration Day Greatest Event in History of Rocky Mount.

Seventeen hundred and fifty nine men registered yesterday in Rocky Mount as liable for service in the army that will be drafted under the selective draft law.

About forty per cent of those who registered were colored men. One thousand and nineteen were registered on the Nash county side and seven hundred and forty were enrolled on the Edgecombe side.

The registration exceeded the estimates of the registrars by three hundred men and the success of the registration and the way it was carried exceeded the fondest expectations of the men who had the task of carrying it out.

So systematically was the registration carried out in Rocky Mount that not a single hitch in the registration plans were experienced and every man that had of register did so with a will.

The registration was carried out without any cost to the government what ever. On the Nash county side where there were ten registrars and five compilers, each of the fifteen men gladly gave up yesterday to work for Uncle Sam.

Those men who had charge of the registration in Nash county were Frank C. Gorham, John E. Moore, George R. Horne, J. R. Bennett, W. B. Williams, John L. Harper, E. G. Johnston, C. W. Coghlin, Z. V. Jenkins and R. P. Holt. At five minutes past nine o'clock the registrars in the Nash county side had gone home and the registration places were closed.

Yesterday afternoon the sheriff put five men to work on the Nash county side for classify and compile the registration cards. These men worked as fast as the registrars registered the men and at nine thirty last night the whole one thousand and nineteen registration cards of the men who registered had been classified and compiled by them.

All fifteen did not take advantage of the pay offered by the government and did their work without charge, as did the registration force on the Edgecombe side. The registration tables and other furniture used by the registrars on the Nash county side was furnished by the Bulluck Furniture Company free of charge and the lumber out of which the registration stands were made was also given free by the Bulluck, Seba and Blinn Company.

Mr. G. F. Harrell furnished the lights and lighting equipment used by the Nash registrars free of charge and the whole thing was conducted without charge to the government whatever.

On the Edgecombe side there were six registrars and the men did the same as the men on the Nash side and did their work cheerfully free of charge. The men who acted as registrars on the Edgecombe side were G. B. Cooper, H. L. Brake, J. F. Green, J. C. Daughtridge, Blake Williford and Robert L. Arring. These men carried out their registration without any trouble whatever and all who registered were there did it as cheerfully and willingly as those did on the Nash county side. Seven hundred and forty men were registered on the Edgecombe side.

There was no cost involved in carrying out the registration on the Edgecombe side and the furniture and other equipment needed was furnished by different patriotic citizens of the city.

The Girl Scouts come in for their share of the credit due to the carrying out of the registration yesterday. These young ladies staved on duty at both places yesterday and pinned sixteen hundred and eighty seven men who registered until their supply gave out. Had it not been for them the men would not have had their "yellow streak" on their arms yesterday and due praise and credit is coming to the young ladies, who did their part yesterday as nobly and willingly as anyone in the city.

The again the police department did its share in making the registration a success. Registrars Jenkins and Coghlin said that had it not been for Officer Tharrington yesterday at the Nash county registration place that the registration could not have been carried out as it was. The officer stood guard at the Sunset avenue entrance and only allowed (Continued on Page Eight)

VETERANS TODAY GET TO BUSINESS

Is Second Day of Twenty-Seventh Annual Confederate Reunion

BIG PROGRAM TODAY

The Morning Is Given Over to the Presentation of the Reports of the Committees. Election of Officers on Thursday.

Washington, June 6.—Confederate veterans today entered upon the second day of their twenty-seventh annual reunion with a strenuous program of activities ahead, an important part of which were the annual memorial exercises for the Confederate dead at Arlington National Cemetery. With the preliminaries incident to their annual gathering the veterans got down to actual business today which brought them here.

The morning session was given over largely to the presentation of committee reports and reports from department commanders. Tomorrow will come the election of officers and the selection of the next annual meeting place.

BAKER TALKS QUITE GLOOMY

At University Commencement He Says Fifteen to Twenty Million Men Will Have Given Up Lives Before Peace Comes.

Chapel Hill, June 6.—"The ten million young men who answered yesterday when the nation may call, have made a complete answer to the charge that an imperial government is necessary to efficiency," Secretary Baker told the graduating class of the University of North Carolina here today.

"The war is just beginning," Secretary Baker said. "When it is ended 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 will have been killed, countless numbers maimed and the wealth of the world wasted; all homes and traditions will be changed and our own government modified. There will be little left of us to give great gifts if we die for every hero and the chance for have spent our time in preparation of our souls."

"The submarine must be exterminated or initiated," he declared in speaking of the conduct of the war. "I think the United States is called as Sir Galahad to remove those things which obstruct the way of laying a new foundation for world civilization. We must go into the war where they (the Germans) have carried the war. We must use our means of fighting, but God forbid that ever by accident an American soldier should ever take the life of a woman or a child."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, presented degrees to those graduates who are at Fort Oglethorpe. He spoke with confidence of the outlook saying, "I believe the American valor is equal to American energy and that before the end of this war American genius will find a way to make the submarine impossible in its executions."

SEVENTEEN BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY

Seventeen building permits were issued for the month of May by Mr. D. D. Daughtridge. The permits will cover buildings to the value of \$64,980, most of the structures being residences. The largest permit was that of the Watkins Warehouse, which will cost \$11,000. The building activity is progressing well in Rocky Mount and seventeen new buildings for last month is a good average.

BELGIUM SENDS A MISSION HERE

Official Mission Is Headed by Former Belgian Minister To This Country

Washington, June 6.—Belgium will send an official mission to the United States headed by Baron Monecheur, former Minister here. It will arrive within the next three weeks. Belgium regards the United States as her great benefactor and is eager to express her appreciation in the most whole-hearted way.

BIG MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT WAS A GREAT OCCASION

Nearly Two Thousand People at Braswell Park Patriotic Services

STIRRING SPEECHES BY PROMINENT CITIZENS

Addresses Made by Rev. R. C. Craven, J. B. Ramsey, A. O. Dickens, F. S. Spruill and R. H. Parker. Also Band Concert. Patriotic Songs Sung by People Present.

The greatest day for patriotic work in the history of Rocky Mount came to a climax last night with an enthusiastic mass meeting of about fifteen hundred people of the city. Splendid patriotic talks by prominent citizens of the city, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," and "America," by a choir of picked singers of the city's vocal talent and a splendid concert by the Rocky Mount Concert Band, which gave up several other engagements they could have filled to their financial benefit, were the features of the program.

The registration could not have been carried out better, the sale of Liberty Bonds exceeds expectations and the number of members enrolled for the Red Cross showed that Rocky Mount leads the way every day. When it comes to doing things and making less fuss about it, Rocky Mount leads them all and the work accomplished yesterday cannot be beaten by any city, no matter who they are. A more patriotic town when it comes to patriotic work and not patriotic show cannot be found.

The exercises at Braswell Park last night began with music by the band, followed by a prayer by Rev. Frederick Diehl, pastor of the church of the Good Shepherd. Next "America" was sung by the great audience and chior, and the famous national anthem was rendered with a fervor seldom heard. Mayor T. T. Thorne, presided and introduced the speakers.

Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was the first speaker on the program. Mr. Craven praised the men who had registered themselves as willing to lay down their lives for their country. He said that the arm bands that are pinned to their sleeves as a sign that they have registered will be followed by the khaki uniforms and that this is simply the first step that these men will have to play in the defense of their country. The men who registered today will carry themselves as valiantly as any of the sons of the United States, who will be called under the draft law and in concluding he said, that when the final test comes the men of this city will be among the first line and that they will uphold the reputation and honor of their forefathers and their city, if they are called to fight for Uncle Sam across the seas.

Mr. J. B. Ramsey, was the next speaker on the program and his topic was the Liberty Loan Bond. He said that the amount to be raised by the government was seven billions and that only two billions were to be raised at this time by the subscriptions to the Liberty Loan. The English people have already subscribed to twenty billions for their government and the French have answered to the call of the government of France to the extent of sixteen billions. When the subscriptions for the Liberty Loan of two billions is closed on June 15, Mr. Ramsey said, that he was confident that it would have been over-subscribed many times. He said that we have always fought for freedom and that now we have got to fight for the freedom of the world and that the answer of the American people was that they were going to see that conflict through to a finish and that autocracy must die. He said that American dollars and American patriotism must back up American lives. He told them that they could get a Liberty Bond by paying a dollar a week for fifty weeks and urged every American who was able to do so to subscribe to one and thus do their part in that manner.

Lieutenant A. O. Dickens, Company D, Third Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, was the next speaker and he spoke in the interest of the National Guard. He said that Congress and the President of the United States would not have been doing their duty that they not declared war to fight for the cause of humanity. He said that the National Guard was now stronger than the regular army and that when they drilled at the Mexican border after the nine months service there, that you could not tell them from the regular army. He said that they were now fully trained by their experience on the border and that the North Carolina regiments were among the best trained and best drilled in the whole organization. He said that the opportunity to enlist in the National Guard was still open and that it had distinct advantages over the conscripted army that will be called later. He said that (Continued on Page 5)