

CONTINGENT OF FIRST DIVISION HEROES ARRIVES

1,800 Officers and Men Land in New York After Two Years Overseas

MEN ARE PROUD OF HISTORY IN FRANCE

Official Records Show That Unit Performed Wonderful Work and Suffered Heavy Casualties in World War.

New York, Aug. 30.—Nearly 1,800 officers and men of the first division, the first members of that outfit to return home after more than two years service overseas, arrived today from France.

The first division, first units of which returned home today from Germany, is justly proud of its claim as being "the first division in France; first in a fighting sector; first to fire a shot at the Germans; first to attack; first to conduct a raid; first to be raided; first to capture prisoners; first to inflict casualties; first to suffer casualties first to be cited singly in general orders; first in the number of divisions, corps and army commanders and general staff officers produced from its personnel."

The official history of the division shows it was organized in France, the last units to arrive reaching that country July 2, 1917. It was composed of troops of the regular army the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth infantry regiments; the Sixth and Seventh artillery regiments; the First Engineer regiments; the Fifth Sixth and Seventh artillery regiments; the First Engineer regiment and train; the Second field signal battalion and the Third, Fourth and Fifth ambulance companies and field hospital.

It occupied successively the Sommerville sector, near Nancy; the Ansauxville sector, near Toul; the Cantigny sector, near Montdidier; participated in the Soissons operation southwest of Soissons, occupied the Saizerais sector; participated in the St. Mihiel operation; the Meuse-Argonne operation in the Sherry sector, west of Verdun; the operation against Mouzon, and the operation south and southwest of Sedan, attacking the heights on the morning of November 7, 1918.

On November 17 it began the memorable march through Lorraine and Luxemburg reaching the Coblenz bridgehead on the Rhine, December 1st, 1918, which position it held until relieved recently by other American troops.

Replacements in the division up to the time of the armistice totaled 30,296 and the losses in killed and died of wounds were 4,111, wounded and gassed 17,201 and prisoners lost 155. It captured 6,497 Germans; 119 pieces of artillery; 62 trench mortars and 413 machine guns. The total of distinguished service crosses awarded the men of the division was 456.

Major General William L. Sibert commanded the division from June 8, 1917; to December 12, 1917; Major General Robert L. Bullard from December 13, 1917 until he became corps commander; Major General Charles P. Sumner from July 29, 1918, to October 11, 1918; Brigadier General P. E. Bamford from October 12, 1918 to October 24, 1918; Brigadier General Frank Parker took command on October 25, 1918 and from May 31, 1919 Major General E. F. McGlachlin, Jr., was in command of the division.

The division insignia is a crimson "1" on a khaki background, chosen because the numeral "1" represents the number of the division and many of its subsidiary organizations.

Austrian Delegation To Get the Treaty Tuesday

Paris, Aug. 30.—The supreme council this morning decided to hand the peace treaty with Austria to the Austrian peace delegation next Tuesday afternoon. Five days will be granted the Austrians before signature of the treaty.

DIPHTHERIA SITUATION IMPROVING

The diphtheria situation in the city is apparently at a standstill. One new case was reported yesterday, but it is the sole additional one since last Tuesday, city health officials are most hopeful. Two new cases have been reported within the last few days. These cases, however, represent the lowest report that has been made to the health authorities.

SPELLING SPIDER WEAVES FOR UNION

Crowds See Wonderful Web in Process Creation at High Point

High Point, Aug. 30.—Are the insects in general and spider in particular in possession of inside information as to the termination of the local dispute between employer and the employee? Hundreds of High Pointers yesterday visited the home of Rosa Smith, negro, 207 Beaman street, where for the past few days one of the largest spiders ever seen in these parts has been weaving a mammoth and unusual web. The spider, each of its legs more than an inch in length, has a web at present between two and three feet in diameter and almost square. It is in the center, in a silken fabric of heavier weight than that used in weaving the remainder of the web that the insect has given indication of possessing either inside information or gifts of prognostication. "Union will win," the insect has written in letters that are easily followed. The "will win" is the plainest part of it, the "o" in union rather more resembling the letter "u" old vertical style, than an "o". But the rest of it is easy.

The negro woman, on whose premises the spider is weaving and spelling, will not allow the insect to be disturbed. To touch an old bed spring to which one corner of the web is attached would be to court an assault, for it is her opinion that the spider "aint done spelling yet." It was a Mecca for those who love to look over the mysteries of nature and more weight than one would usually accord it is attached to the spelling of the spider by a number of people.

For one reason it isn't the first spelling spider that has made an appearance around High Point. During the last presidential election, when Hughes and Wilson were running neck and neck with the honors as likely to go to one as the other, a spelling spider went to work at Righter's store, in a sparsely settled section of the city. It spelled according to reliable persons, "W. W. will win." He did. The spider found today spelled "will win" just like the other, but evidently had a little trouble in rounding out his "o". Field glasses and cameras taken to the scene of the spelling yesterday only serve to bear out the opinion formed by those who gazed with naked and unaided eye. The negroes in the section are strongly for the unions and it is quite likely that the web and the spelling will be right there to be seen until a storm comes along to destroy it.

SHRINE CLUB OFF FOR WRIGHTSVILLE

Will Leave on Special Train Tomorrow as Escort for Potentate Estes

The Rocky Mount Shrine Club of approximately 150 Nobles with their wives and families will leave tomorrow morning at ten o'clock on a special Pullman train for Wilmington and Wrightsville to attend the beach ceremonial and Imperial Visitation of Suddan Temple Monday, September 1st.

The local club, with Past Potentate J. C. Braswell as chairman, has been designated as escort for Potentate L. Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Potentate of Mecca Temple, New York. The local club will carry about two dozen candidates to the beach with them, and a gala occasion has been planned. Shriners here, in fact, expect the ceremonial to be the most enjoyable and successful one ever held.

The train from this city will truly be a Shrine Special, as even all members of the crew will be Nobles. The special will carry a diner and sleepers, and the Shriners will literally live upon it while away. Appropriate decorations and stunts work by the candidates will enliven the hours during the trip to Wilmington.

Returning to this city the train will leave the seaport city about one o'clock Tuesday morning and arrive here around four. Only one stop, at Wilson, will be made to receive and let off additional Nobles.

That noise behind the curtain is the summer festival making every day play the theater and...

TROOPS RECALLED FROM CHARLOTTE

Car Strike Appears to be Settled in the Mecklenburg City

HAVE 600 POLICEMEN

Local Officials Believe They Have Situation Well in Hand—General Royster Will Look Over City for Preparedness' Sake.

Charlotte, Aug. 30.—State troops on duty here since Tuesday morning called to assist in restoring order after rioting at the car barns of the Southern Public Utilities Company, have all been withdrawn. Further trouble is not anticipated, but the strike has not been settled.

Local officials feel that they have the situation well in hand. A reserve police force of 600 men has been sworn in for duty, in case of an outbreak. Cars are being operated on the principal lines. Adjutant General Royster was expected to arrive here today to look over the situation and to be prepared to call troops on short notice if it became necessary.

LOCAL DRUGGIST SHOT BY ANOTHER

Noel S. Avinger Fires Two Bullets into R. S. Gorham Late Yesterday

R. S. Gorham, a prominent young druggist of this city, who was shot by Noel S. Avinger, another local druggist, late yesterday afternoon, was reported as resting well at the Park View hospital this morning, and his speedy recovery is hoped for unless unforeseen complications set in. Mr. Avinger is at present confined at the city jail, and no effort has been made to fix his bond. The shooting occurred shortly after six o'clock yesterday afternoon in the rear of the May and Gorham drug store, of which the shot man was proprietor, and grew out of a recent business transaction in which Mr. Avinger disposed of his interest in the Avinger Drug company of this city.

According to authentic information secured this morning, Mr. Avinger came to Mr. Gorham yesterday morning and asked that he be allowed to purchase his interest back. Upon being told that such a thing was impossible at present, he retired and had nothing more to say at that time.

Returning about six o'clock that afternoon, Mr. Avinger entered the back door of Mr. Gorham's place of business and again questioned him about the matter. Upon being told that the sale was final and could not be changed, Mr. Avinger drew his pistol, a small .25 calibre one, and declaring that he had a bullet for Mr. Gorham and one for himself, opened fire upon the other druggist. Five shots in all were fired, only two of which penetrated Mr. Gorham. One struck a lower rib, glanced around it, and came out at the back. The other entered the injured man's neck and remained lodged there until it was removed by physicians late last night. Mr. Gorham was able to walk to his machine outside and was at once rushed to Park View hospital where he received medical attention.

In the excitement which followed the shooting, Mr. Avinger pocketed his gun, stepped out the same door by which he entered, and strolled to his home, where he was arrested a few minutes later by police officer H. N. Hedgepeth and deputy Lancaster. He made no attempt whatever at resistance and expressed himself as being very sorry that the shooting had occurred and deeply interested in the condition of Mr. Gorham.

No previous ill will had existed between the two men as they had been the best of friends, Mr. Avinger having been employed for quite awhile by Mr. Gorham, before he went in business for himself. Mr. Avinger had been in ill health for some time, and this fact combined with his resultant worry is held responsible for his action. No bail will be fixed for preliminary hearing given until the affair has been thoroughly investigated by authorities.

LABOR CONFERENCE

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Samuel Gompers and other members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor continued their conferences for discussion of the general labor situation. They expected to conclude their work before night, and Secretary Frank Morrison said a statement might be made after the session had closed.

STRAIN SHOWS ON GOMPERS' FACE



NEW YORK.—The fall of labor not only from America but from the rest of the world upon the President of the American Federation of Labor, has resulted in a severe mental strain which showed up considerably upon his return to this country. In spite of this, Gompers has dug into the problems that met him here.

ANTI-TREATY MEN TO TRAIL WILSON

Republicans Make Plans to Send Follow-Up Speakers After Him

NO DEFINITE PLANS

Opposition Senators Now Engaged in Working Out Plans for Work-Will Follow Exact Trail of the President.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Republican senators opposing ratification of the peace treaty were actively engaged today on plans for sending opposition speakers on the trail of President Wilson when he leaves here Wednesday on a prolonged speaking tour to urge immediate and unqualified ratification of the treaty and the league of nations.

After the conference of anti-ratification Republicans it was expected something in the way of a definite program to combat the plans of President Wilson would be announced.

U. S. HEALTH OFFICE ESTABLISHED HERE

Captain William A. Flick Makes Dr. H. Lee Large Examiner

Captain William A. Flick, supervisor of field examination for medical relief in the Fifth district with headquarters in Atlanta, spent yesterday and today in the city making arrangements for the provision of medical attention for all former service men of this community.

Under the arrangements made by Captain Flick, all persons discharged from the military or naval forces residing in and about this city, can now receive medical attention and medical examination for the filing of applications for compensation. As representative of the United States Public Health Service, the medical advisors to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, he established offices in Rocky Mount, N. C., and Dr. H. Lee Large, whose address is City Health Department has been recommended as local government examiner.

All persons desiring to obtain insurance or filing application for compensation under the Bureau of War Risk Act, must furnish a medical certificate of their present physical condition. These persons, by applying to Dr. Large at the City Health Department may be examined and all necessary papers filled out free of charge. Such persons will also receive, at the expense of the government, medical relief, or be sent to a government hospital or local institution, should this be necessary.

The headquarters for the 5th District, which comprises the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, have been established in Atlanta. Persons desiring further information should write to Dr. J. A. Watkins, 5th floor, Chamber of Commerce Building, Atlanta, Ga.

INJURED FIGHTERS TO ENTER SCHOOLS

Number Men Receiving Rehabilitation Training to be Doubled

Washington, Aug. 30.—Plans to more than double the number of discharged soldiers, sailors and marines receiving rehabilitation training were announced today by the federal board of vocational education. The increase will be made at the fall opening of school and colleges. More than seven thousand men now are receiving training.

"There have been delays in carrying out the work of vocational rehabilitation," said the board's statement "but most of them have been due to causes which were beyond the control of the board and which it has made increasing effort to remove."

"Nearly six months elapsed after the passage of the rehabilitation act before the agents of the federal board were admitted to the military and naval hospitals. This exclusion was a necessary war measure, but during this period, as well as during the fourteen months which elapsed between our entering the war and June 27, 1918, when the act became law, thousands of disabled men were discharged and were scattered all over the United States without knowledge of their rights under the law. Altogether, more than a year and a half of precious time was lost."

"Under the terms of the rehabilitation act the federal board could put no disabled man in training until after he was declared compensable by the war risk insurance bureau. The amendment during this difficulty and allowing prompt action by the federal board did not become law till July 11, 1919."

"The board has made excellent progress, for on August 1, it had established contact with 130,000 of the 160,000 men registered, had surveyed nearly 108,000 and had approved over 12,000 cases for training and had put 7,192 men in training."

"Those men as of July 26, were in 449 public and private secondary schools, in 159 institutions of college grade and in 363 industrial and other plants." They are being trained for 1,363 different lines of activity and, by utilizing existing means of training rather than creating new schools for rehabilitation the men are being better trained and millions of dollars have been saved to the United States. Since legislation giving the board a free hand did not pass until July, when most schools and colleges are closed, the full measure of training activity cannot be reached until the latter part of September. At that time the present number in training will be much more than doubled."

Paris, Aug. 30.—General Pershing has refused to testify before the subcommittee of three of the congressional committee on expenditures by the war department which he has been conducting an investigation in France.

The general's refusal led to the issuance of a joint statement this afternoon by Representative Johnson and Bland in which regret was expressed that there should be a conflict between the military and civil authorities of the government.

In a separate statement Mr. Bland, of the subcommittee, declared that the general's action was an example of the "indifference and contempt" shown during the entire war by the war department towards the wishes of the people and their representatives.

CRIMINAL TERM OF NASH COURT ENDS

Important Murder Case Carried Over Until the Next Session

The criminal session of Nash county superior court adjourned yesterday afternoon after hearing several important cases during the morning and the day before and dismissing the murder charge against Joe Eatman. The other murder case on the docket, that of Bus Wells, who was charged with the killing of a man named Winstead, was carried over until the next term of court.

In the case of Eatman, Judge Devins told the jury that the state had failed to make out a case and consequently did not allow the matter to go to them for a verdict. The case was not pressed and the defendant dismissed by the court. The Wells case will come up for trial at the November session of the court.

In the trial of Will Perry, who was charged with assault on May Whitaker, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs by the defendant and the stipulation that he was to appear before the court next August 29 to show a record for good behavior.

W. M. Laitley, who was arraigned on a charge of having assaulted Connor Lamb, of the southside section, with intent to kill, was found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months on the roads. These cases were the most important ones that faced the court during its last days' sessions.

Edgecombe county superior court will convene September 8 for the trial of criminal charges as well as civil cases by special consent. Several cases of interest to Rocky Mount people will also come up before this court, and a heavy docket is promised.

The end of a perfect vacation, suggests a boy friends of ours, would be making a holiday of the school hours.

COOPER'S MURDER REOPENS FAMOUS CARMACK TROUBLE

Body of Robin J. Cooper Found in Creek Near Nashville

MAN MISSING FROM HIS HOME SINCE TUESDAY

Went With Man Who Came for Gasoline—The Police Search for Murderer—Trouble Reopens Famous Tennessee Tragedy.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 30.—Bearing bullet wounds and other marks of violence, the body of Robin J. Cooper, a Nashville lawyer who after a sensational trial was acquitted of the murder of Former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack in 1908, was found today in Richland Creek near here. Cooper had been missing since Thursday, and his body was recovered about 100 yards from a bridge where his deserted automobile was found this morning.

An automobile stopped at the Cooper home Thursday night and, according to the police the occupant sought a fresh supply of gasoline. Mr. Cooper, without hat or coat got out his own car to accompany the man to a garage, but early today his automobile was found near the creek. There were blood stains on the machine and Cooper's empty pocketbook was found in the bottom of the car.

The police are searching for the mysterious other man. Mrs. Cooper, who is a daughter of Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, is visiting in Louisville and her husband's disappearance did not become known until his automobile was found.

The Carmack tragedy, the most notable in the history of Tennessee, grew out of the Carmack-Patterson race for governor in 1908 in which Col. D. B. Cooper, father of Robin J. Cooper, was one of Patterson's advisers.

In the fatal encounter which occurred on an uptown street of Nashville, Nov. 9, 1908, the son fired the shot which ended Carmack's life and in the shooting was himself wounded. Father and son were convicted of murder in the second degree in the lower court but on the appeal of the case to the supreme court the verdict was reversed as to the son, the judges standing 3 to 2. The verdict as to Colonel Cooper was sustained 3 to 2, but before leaving the capital the father was pardoned by Governor Patterson. The case against Robin J. Cooper, when it came up again in the Davidson county criminal court again, was dropped.

CAROLINA RESUMES VARSITY FOOTBALL

Schedule for 1919 Which Includes Eight Games is Announced

Chapel Hill, Aug. 29.—After two years suspension, on account of the war, Carolina will resume varsity football this fall.

The last varsity team, the one that beat Virginia, 7 to 0, in 1916, played Harvard and Princeton, and Carolina will this year again invade the East, playing Rutgers on October 4th, and Yale on October 11.

This year's schedule is one of the best that any Southern team has had. It includes games with Yale, Rutgers, N. C. State and Virginia. Of the eight games on the schedule three games, Wake Forest, V. M. I., and Virginia will be played on the Hill.

The schedule is as follows: October 4—Rutgers at New Brunswick; October 11—Yale at New Haven; October 18—Wake Forest at Chapel Hill.

October 23—N. C. State College at Raleigh; November 1—University of Tennessee at Knoxville; November 8—V. M. I. at Chapel Hill; November 15—Davidson at Winston-Salem.

November 27—Virginia at Chapel Hill.

GERMANS TO AID KOLOSHAK —Paris, Aug. 30.—A German army of nearly 40,000 with modern equipment and with 300 aeroplanes has unobscured in Lithuania and is preparing to march into Russia ostensibly to reach and help Admiral Koloschak to Lithuania forces here.