

NATIONAL GUARD IS MOBILIZED

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Reported That Defendants in Liquor Smuggling Cases Will Submit.

Special to The Observer.
Raleigh, July 25.—The adjutant general's department reports the mobilization of the twelve units of the national guard at their home stations today, upwards of 5,500 men, without a hitch and that the federal officers are already detailed and at work inspecting at the various stations with a view to the speediest possible work in mustering into service the equipment, all of which will be at the home stations. The expectation is that it will require something like two weeks to complete this work in readiness for the movement of the men to the concentration camps. The war strength of the guard as now constituted, when fully enlisted will be about 10,000 men. The divisions include brigadier general and his personal staff; first and second cavalry troops; field artillery; three regiments of infantry; coast artillery; ambulance company No. 1; field hospital corps No. 1; hadie company No. 1, and engineer train.

Blind Tiger Cases.
The federal court had a steady grind today in the examination of witnesses in the conspiracy case against former Alderman Sherwood Upchurch, R. N. Wayne, J. N. Singer, W. N. McGee and Roy Utley, the latter being a fugitive, however. They are charged with conspiring in wholesale whiskey smuggling, principally from Washington to Raleigh and Durham, for blind tiger maintenance. London Whitted, negro hotel porter at Durham, told of agreeing with Singer and McGee to receive two automobile loads of whiskey at Durham early in April and reporting the agreement to the police, of the consequent seizure of an automobile with about 700 pints of whiskey in packages and suit cases and the capture of Singer and a woman, Bessie Carroll, in the machine. An unidentified man escaped. McGee had come ahead in a car to see that all was clear before the officers met the car. Singer and the woman occupied the chief of Police Pendergrass, Sheriff Howard, Policeman Duncan and Policeman Perry, of Durham, told of the raid, the capture of the car, the capture of Singer and the woman, and of getting another machine the same night at the "brick yard" that has not been connected with the Singer-McGee machine, which was captured at the county line. This completed the evidence for the morning session. Evidence was that Singer gave bond in Durham with a certified check signed by an Upchurch, but that it was not Sherwood Upchurch, the defendant. It appeared that Capers White, postal employee and news stand operator at the Bland hotel here, arranged the bond. After spending the morning examining witnesses for the prosecution,

there were a series of conferences this afternoon between counsel for the defense and District Attorney J. O. Carr, and a well defined rumor tonight that submissions, at least in a number of the cases involved, would be announced when court reconvenes tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. It seems that the statute against smuggling liquor carries only provisions for a fine and the indications are that the defendants are moving to submit in practically all the charges to make them wholly on a fine basis. It is possible that the trial will proceed tomorrow, but probabilities generally point to a complete settlement of the cases as a whole, so far as the defendants now on trial are concerned, and the compromise may extend to the whole series of cases including the Washington parties, who seem to have supplied the whiskey to be smuggled into the state.

President Must Appoint.
The only hope of Gen. Laurence W. Young to get into the service with the North Carolina guard as brigadier general is that he be appointed to this post by the President personally in the case. The President will appoint the brigadier general, but many anticipate that these offices will be filled by regular army men instead of by officers selected from the guards of the states. Here is the official telegram by which General Young is excerpted from the call for muster into the service today:
"By direction of the President and in accordance with the terms of the proclamation of July 19, 1917, Brigadier General Laurence W. Young, national guard of North Carolina, will be excepted from the President's call of July 25, and draft of August 5, 1917. Notify General Young he will not be required to respond to call or muster. Personal aides of General Young, who are extra officers not commissioned as regimental officers, are also excepted."
The adjutant general today commissioned Robert Young as adjutant, Third battalion, he being transferred from the brigade headquarters, omitted from the muster call. He is a brother of Brigadier General Laurence W. Young.

Charters Issued.
Charters were issued today for the following new corporations:
The Franklin Drug store, Inc., of Asheville, capital \$5,000 authorized and \$2,100 subscribed by P. H. Thrash, E. W. Hinkle, J. L. Palmer, J. F. Keener and others for a general drug business.
The Farmington Drug company, Asheville, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by Fred Kent, S. A. Lynch and others for a general drug business.
The Labor Stock company, of Wilson, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by A. N. Neal and others for a grocery business on cooperative basis.
The Caldwell Farmers' Co-operative Warehouse company, of Lenoir, capital \$5,000, by H. C. Martin and others for a general produce warehouse business.
REPRIEVE IS GRANTED.
Columbia, S. C., July 25.—Governor Manning has granted a reprieve for ninety days in the case of Marshall Johnson, who was convicted at a recent term of court in Greenville on the charge of killing his wife and was sentenced to be electrocuted on July 27. The reprieve was granted to allow the case to go before the state board of pardons for review. The reprieve was granted on petition of members of the Greenville bar.

NEWTON TO ENTERTAIN VETERANS IN AUGUST

Soldiers' Business Committee of Catawba County Appointed by Governor.

Special to The Observer.
Newton, July 25.—The old soldiers' reunion will be held this year August 18. The business men of the town of Newton met and formulated plans and appointed committees. E. P. Caldwell was elected chairman of the reunion committee. Julius Abernethy and Wilson Warlick are the members of the finance and R. P. Caldwell, E. H. Yount and Col. R. Yoder of the amusement committee. From ten to twenty thousand people attend these reunions every year. Major Graham of Raleigh has been invited to deliver the address on this occasion.
R. F. Edwards, of Crumpler, grand lecturer of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M., is spending this week in Newton. He is delivering a series of lectures to theasons at 2:30 and 8 p. m. each day.
The soldiers' business committee of Catawba county has been commissioned by Governor Bickett and is as follows: C. M. McOrkie, chairman, Newton; A. H. Crowell, Newton; Oscar Sherrill, Catawba; C. L. Plaster, Long Island; B. B. Blackwelder and E. P. Bledsoe, Hickory. The purpose of this committee shall be to render aid and assistance to United States soldiers, sailors and marines, in managing details of their private business while they are away from home, and to render them assistance in obtaining employment when they return. More than one hundred young men have enlisted in the services of "Uncle Sam" from Newton.
Last night at the courthouse the Red Cross chapter was formally organized with the following officers: Chairman, Mrs. F. M. Williams; vice-chairman, Mrs. A. B. Kuhn; secretary, Mrs. L. F. Long; treasurer, Rev. Walter W. Rowe. The chapter now has 275 names on roll. Its territory will cover the entire county with the exception of Hickory. The work of the chapter was the making of comfort bags for the soldiers. These were presented to the boys last Saturday night.

SALISBURY VETERAN DIES IN ASHEVILLE

Special to The Observer.
Salisbury, July 25.—Cicero R. Barker died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Biggs' sanitarium, Asheville, where he had been for some time for treatment. He was about seventy years old and is survived by a widow, who before marriage was Miss Mamie Young.
Mr. Barker was for many years manager of the Kluttz drug store here and was well known to all the older citizens. For several years he had been in feeble health and had lived a retired life. He was a Confederate veteran having gone in the war at its beginning when he was a mere lad.
The body was brought to Salisbury tonight and the funeral service will be conducted tomorrow morning at ten o'clock from the First Presbyterian church of which deceased was a member.

SOLDIER BOYS ARE GIVEN DINNER PARTY

Special to The Observer.
Fayetteville, July 25.—The Fayetteville boys who will leave for Fort Oglethorpe tonight with the Greensboro ambulance corps company were honored with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter G. Smith, of this city, last night. The young men who are from Fayetteville are: J. Reid Crawford, James W. Harris, S. S. Corbier, Dunca Shaw, James A. Spencer and Edmund L. Grady. Mr. Grady is Mrs. Smith's son and the dinner was given in honor of the members of the Fayetteville contingent.
A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of wrist watches to each of the young men by R. R. Gibbs as gifts from friends and well wishers of the boys. The national colors were used exclusively in the decorations and table appointments. Many other personal attentions and honors have been paid the six Fayetteville boys who leave Greensboro tonight for final training before going to Europe.

HASTEN POE DIES

Fayetteville, July 25.—News was received in Fayetteville this morning of the death of Hasten Poe, brother of E. A. Poe, of this city, and native of Fayetteville. Mr. Poe died in Raleigh this morning.
His remains will be brought here tomorrow and the funeral conducted at 5 p. m. from the First Presbyterian church. He leaves a wife but no children.
Mr. Poe was born and reared in this place, being a son of the late J. C. Poe, one of a large family of whom but one is now living here.

STATESVILLE BOYS LEAVE

Statesville, July 25.—A number of Statesville young men have gone to join the Lincoln county cavalry troop at Lincolnton, and the coast artillery company at Charlotte.
Leaving for Lincolnton yesterday were: W. R. Alexander, Earl Axlcy, C. W. Boshamer, Jr., Archie P. Campbell, Flake B. Chipley, David A. Fleming, James S. Henninger, George Field, Frank Fuller, Ralph Hughes, Grier Hunter, Walter E. Johnson, Charles C. Mills, Henry H. Nicholson, John D. Patterson, Paul F. Ward, Richard White, Robert A. White.
Eugene Morrison, Jr., left last night for Charlotte. Frank Dorris has gone to Canton to join the regimental band.

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The Best Fruit Course for Breakfast

Write for "Welch Ways." Ninety-nine ways to serve Welch's. Free for the asking.

A GLASS of Welch's brightens the morning. Just the tonic needed for appetite. A pure fruit drink. A food drink. Welch's for the fruit course makes the whole breakfast better.

Drinking a small glass of Welch's to begin the morning meal is a custom fast growing in popularity. Nothing could be more beneficial. Welch's contributes energy and vigor. It is a liquid food, more nutritious than most fruit juices.

Try it tomorrow morning. A small glass—about 4 ounces—is right and be sure to have it cold.

Welch's is the juice of premium Concord grapes, absolutely pure, with extra care and cleanliness in the pressing and bottling. It is a drink that was founded on the principle of human betterment and stands for national efficiency.

For home use, buy Welch's in bottles from your grocer, druggist or confectioner. Say Welch's at the soda fountain.

The Welch Grape Juice Company, Westfield, N.Y.

EFIRD'S

TODAY and FRIDAY SPECIALS

Store closes 1 o'clock Thursdays.

White Petticoats, 25c
25 dozen Ladies' Deep Embroidery Ruffle White Petticoats, 50c values for Today and Friday mornings **25c**

Store closes at 1 o'clock on Thursdays.

5c Handkerchiefs, 1c
200 dozen Ladies' regular 5c White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs divided up into two lots, 100 dozen this morning and 100 dozen Friday morning at . . **1c**

Store closes at 1 o'clock on Thursdays.

\$1.50 Taffeta, 98c
36-inch Colored Taffeta Silks all shades of Navy Blue, Grays, Greens and light shades, etc., \$1.50 quality . . . **98c**

Store closes 1 o'clock on Thursdays.

\$1.00 Silks, 45c
36-inch Sport Patterns in Pongee Color Silks, \$1.00 values. Sale Price **45c**

Store closes 1 o'clock on Thursdays.

Store Closes at 1 O'clock Today

And Each Thursday During July and August. Shop Early.

\$1.50 Crepe de Chine, 98c
40-inch all Silk Crepe de Chine in White, Flesh, etc., Today and Friday mornings **98c**

Store closes 1 o'clock Thursdays.

White Shoes Cut in Price

<p>Ladies' White Footwear</p> <p>Ladies' White Canvas Rubber Sole Pumps with detachable strap \$1.95</p> <p>Ladies' White Pumps with Louis Heel at \$1.98</p> <p>Ladies' White Oxfords \$1.98</p> <p>Ladies' White Pumps, Leather Sole and Rubber Heel \$1.98</p> <p>Ladies' White High Top Boots, Rubber Sole, Low Heel \$1.75</p> <p>Ladies' White Canvas Pumps in Colonial, Plain Toes and Louis Heels in both Rubber and Leather Soles at \$2.50</p> <p>Ladies' White Shoes with Low Heel and Rubber Sole \$2.50</p> <p>Ladies' White 8-inch Boots with Louis Heel and Rubber Sole \$2.98</p> <p>Ladies' White Canvas Boots, 8-inch with Low Heel and Leather Sole at \$3.50</p>	<p>Tennis Oxfords</p> <p>Black Tennis Oxfords, all sizes. 45c</p> <p>Misses' White Rubber Sole Mary Jane Pumps, sizes 11-12 to 2 75c</p> <p>Ladies' White Tennis Pumps 75c</p> <p>Ladies' White Blucher Oxfords at 98c and \$1.24</p> <p>Ladies' White Blucher Oxfords \$1.49</p>	<p>Men's and Boys' White Footwear</p> <p>Men's Bayside Pumps 75c</p> <p>Men's White Casco Pumps with Heel \$1.25</p> <p>Men's White Canvas Oxfords with Rubber Sole \$1.98</p> <p>Men's Rubber Sole Oxfords \$1.49</p> <p>Men's White Bals Shoes \$1.49</p> <p>Men's White Canvas Dress Oxfords, Leather Sole \$2.98</p> <p>Youths' White Tennis Pumps, sizes 13 to 2 75c</p>
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EFIRD'S

TODAY and FRIDAY SPECIALS

Store closes 1 o'clock Thursdays.

Bed Linens, Towels, Sheets and Spreads

<p>Sheets and Pillow Cases</p> <p>72x90 Sheets 58c</p> <p>Seamless 81x90 Sheets. 69c</p> <p>81x90 Full Seamless 1.00 Sheets 85c</p> <p>Cannon 81x90 \$1.25 Sheets at 98c</p> <p>63x90 Seamless Sheets. 69c</p> <p>Cannon 63x90 Seamless Sheets 88c</p> <p>Mohawk Hemstitched Sheets at \$1.10</p> <p>25c full size Pillow Cases at 18c</p> <p>42x90 Hemstitched Pillow Cases 18c</p> <p>Economy Pillow Cases. 20c</p> <p>Mohawk Pillow Cases. 25c</p> <p>Cannon Pillow Cases 25c</p>	<p>Towels Sale Price</p> <p>16x30 Red Border Huck Towels . . 5c</p> <p>Full size Bleach Turkish Towels . . 10c</p> <p>at 98c</p> <p>Per dozen 98c</p> <p>Extra size Fringe Huck Towels . . 10c</p> <p>Per dozen 98c</p> <p>Best Colored Border Huck Towels at 10c</p> <p>Per dozen \$1.10</p> <p>25c Bleached Turkish Towels . . 15c</p> <p>*Two for 35c</p> <p>One lot of Fancy Plaid Turkish Towels 15c</p> <p>Extra size Fancy Bleached Turkish Towels, 50c value for 35c</p>
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Quilts

72x90 Crinkle Dimity Quilts at . **\$1.15**

82x90 Crinkle Dimity Quilts. Sale price **\$1.38**

Full size White Crochet Quilts . **98c**

Extra size heavy weight Crochet Quilts **\$1.65**

Genuine Marseilles Quilts at . . **\$2.98**

\$5.00 Marseilles Quilts at **\$3.75**

EFIRD'S

A Good Place to Shop

Ladies' Silk and Cotton Hose

Ladies' White Hose, 8c

Ladies' Seamless Plain White Hose, 15c value. Sale Price 8c

Ladies' Thin Lisle Hose, Spliced Heel and Double Soles 15c

Ladies' Full Mercerized Featherweight White Hose 20c

40c Full Mercerized White Hose 33c

\$1.00 Silk Hose, 79c

Ladies' Regular 1.00 Full Fashion Silk Stockings, in Plain Black, Champagne, Gray and White with Clockings. Sale Price 79c

Ladies' Boot Silk Full Fashion Hose 48c

Ladies' Stripe Silk Hose in Black, White and Fancy Colors 98c

Ladies' Pearl Gray and Pink Fibre Silk Hose 48c

Ladies' Pink and Light Blue Lisle Hose 25c

Children's Mercerized Plaid Top Socks 15c

Children's White Lisle Turn-down Top Socks 15c

Children's 6c Thread Silk Plaid Top Socks 25c

Boot Silk Hose, 15c

One lot Ladies' Boot Silk Hose, slightly imperfect, at 15c

Ladies' White and Black Fibre Silk Hose 25c

E. C. Scuffers

3,000 Pairs men's, ladies', misses and boys' E. C. Scuffer Oxfords and Sandals at reduced prices.