

27,000 MEN ARE NOW AT CAMP SEVIER

The Big Trench Digging Machine Was Carried Away by the 105th Engineers—Card Index System

According to reports sent out by the statistical department of the headquarters of the Thirtieth division 27,000 men are now encamped at Camp Sevier. A card index, with the entire roster of the division, was completed several days ago and is to be kept in this department of the division for reference.

Not all of the 27,000 men, however, are in the camp itself, a number of men being stationed elsewhere, but they are recorded as belonging to this division.

In the division proper there are 24,000 enlisted men and 769 commissioned officers, a total of 25,729, in which are included 86 enlisted men and 6 officers left over from the distribution of the personnel of the Fifty-fifth depot brigade which was disbanded a few weeks ago.

The personnel of the remount station of the 320th truck company of the depot quartermaster, ordnance and signal detachments, of the bakery company and of the base hospital amount in all to 883 enlisted men and 8 officers, bringing the grand total of the division up to 26,620 men.

The signal battalion of the 105th field signal corps at Camp Sevier has erected a small wireless station and is now able to receive messages from Sayville and Arlington, although the size of the outfit will not enable it to send messages to any great distance.

The outfit is the so-called "pack set," used by the signal corps on the march, and in a very quick time it can be set up for field service. The time is received twice each day, at noon and at 10 o'clock at night.

According to reports from several business men of Greenville, Secretary of War Baker will soon visit Camp Sevier on a tour of the camps and the cantonments of South Carolina, and preparations are to be made at an early date to receive the distinguished visitor.

It will be remembered that Secretary Baker was invited to visit the camp several weeks ago when he was a visitor at Charlotte, but pressure of business forced him to abandon his plan and it is now thought that he will be able to visit the camp in the very near future. Elaborate preparations will doubtless be made in honor of the distinguished visitor.

One of the most interesting sights at Camp Sevier was the giant trench-digging machine, which was, until a few days ago, behind the sub-depot of the 105th engineers, almost directly in front of divisional headquarters, but which now has been moved to some place unknown, but presumably with the first battalion of the 105th engineers, who moved from camp last Saturday to some "unknown place."

The enormous machine, which is driven by a four-cycle, four-cylinder automatic gas engine, rated at 105 horse power, was built by the Buckeye Traction Digging Company, according to government specifications, and is capable of excavating seven-eighths of a mile of trench, about four feet wide and twelve feet deep, per hour.

For driving it two large caterpillar treads, each ten feet in length and about four feet wide, have been provided, with two large wheels in front to guide it by.

The digging will be done by a large wheel fitted with projecting buckets, carried in front, and enables the machine to cut to its full depth.

The giant digger weighs about 87,000 pounds or practically 44 tons, and its enormous weight is instrumental in digging the trenches for the "boys over there."

OFFERS REWARD PERSONS DAMAGING POWER LINE

Mr. E. C. Ivey of the Ivey Power Company is offering \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons damaging the power line between here and the power plant on Buffalo. Mr. Ivey says that the act of boys and men shooting and throwing rocks at the insulators, and breaking them, is causing considerable trouble.

Shooting and throwing rocks and thereby damaging power lines is a very serious offense in the laws of the State, and anyone convicted of such acts will be dealt with severely.

CRIMINAL CASES HEARD AND COURT ADJOURNED

Will Convene Again Monday Week For Trial of Civil Cases—Supreme Court at Raleigh Next Week

Completing the criminal cases Tuesday afternoon, the Caldwell Superior Court adjourned, to convene again on Monday, Nov. 26, for the trial of civil cases. No court will be held here next week on account of cases from this district coming up in the Supreme Court at Raleigh and requiring the presence of the lawyers from this place. The following cases were disposed of:

Kelly Stewart and Morehead Dixon, failing to list tax; guilty; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Will Harrill, larceny; eight months on road. (At his request he was given the privilege of joining the army if he could pass examination.)

P. E. Cline, retailing; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Thomas Blair, forcible trespass; \$30 fine and cost.

Avery Martin and Ethel Laney, fornication and adultery; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Roosevelt Sudderth, larceny; eight months on the roads.

Will Perkins, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

A. F. Gray, retailing; eight months on the roads.

Fred Deal and Hill Blair, affray; not guilty as to Blair; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Clyde Hall, breaking and entering; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Anse Sanders, sent to Stonewall Training School.

Rom Pearson, assault with deadly weapon; six months on roads.

John Bush and Marvin Bush, assault; \$50 each and cost.

John Bush, carrying concealed weapon; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Cloyd Hartley, carrying concealed weapon; \$50 fine and cost.

R. T. Hood and Clara Hood; judgment for divorce for plaintiff.

MR. HOLLOWAY WAS NOT LOST ON FINLAND

Torpedoed Off the French Coast and Made Back to Port—Son of Mr. Zeb Holloway of Globe

It has been said that wherever there is any active service in Uncle Sam's army a Caldwell man will be found close to the front ranks. Already one of Caldwell's sons has been lost on a torpedoed ship. This was young Barnett, who went down on a Norwegian ship several months ago.

News now comes of another Caldwell man being on a torpedoed ship. However, this time the ship was not sunk and made back to port with the loss of only eight men. Mr. Zeb Holloway of the Globe has recently received a cable message telling of the incident. His son, Mr. Jim Holloway, was on the U. S. transport Finland when it was returning from a French port several weeks ago and was torpedoed off the French coast. Eight men were killed when the torpedo struck the transport. The transport was badly crippled but made back to port and managed to elude the pursuing U-boat. Mr. Holloway was a member of the crew and has made several trips between American and French ports on transports carrying the American expeditionary forces.

Mr. C. A. Davis of Adako was here Wednesday with his son, George, who had been bitten by a dog. Mr. Davis thought possibly the dog was mad and brought the boy here for medical examination. The boy was bitten on the arm. Mr. Davis said the dog got away before it could be killed.

The Federal grand jury at Pensacola has indicted State Senator J. L. Sheppard of Gadsden county, Florida, charging him with opposing the army draft law. The indictment charged Senator Sheppard introduced a resolution at the farmers' meeting in Gadsden county condemning the draft law and expressing determination to resist it, claiming it was unconstitutional.

WORK OF ASSOCIATION IN CAMP OF SOLDIERS

It Is Doing Great Work for the Soldier Boys in Keeping Them Contented and Happy

The following very interesting account of the work of the Army Y. M. C. A. was given in a lecture by Mr. John A. Addison and published in yesterday's Greensboro Daily News:

"There are five different bureaus that are especially charged with the actual work among the soldiers. The bureau of education is responsible for lectures, practical talks, entertainments, libraries, motion pictures, clubs, classes in French and other subjects, and information bureaus. Secretaries emphasize the value of educational activities in every army and navy association. Thousands are taught French, hundreds of thousands of magazines are read, millions of feet of motion picture films furnish good cheer and entertainment."

"The bureau of religious work is in charge of the definitely religious activities, such as Bible study classes, personal interviews and mass meetings. Over 100,000 Testaments have been carefully distributed. The demand of the soldiers for Testaments greatly exceeds the supply. Mass singing is promoted in co-operation with the government commission on training camp activities. Several directors of music are in the field in charge of this work. One hundred and twenty-eight religious work specialists are now in the field at work. A great many more are needed. Secretaries giving special emphasis to religious activities are assigned to every unit of work. The secretaries in all cases work hand in hand with the army chaplains."

"Another bureau provides speakers and entertainers for the camps. Prominent speakers to men, educators and superior entertainment talent are placed in camps to the great delight of the soldiers. Very often this bureau searches out those among the soldiers who are gifted, and a display of local talent always gets a glad hand from the soldiers."

"Athletic sports are provided for on a large scale. The soldier is an inveterate player of games. The Y. M. C. A. furnishes him an opportunity to play baseball, basketball, quads and to indulge in wrestling, boxing and swimming whenever it is possible to have the necessary swimming pond."

"Still another bureau looks out for the social enjoyments of the soldiers. The utmost effort is made to have every association building such a place as the soldier thinks of as home."

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CHICAGO ATTORNEYS FOR GRANDIN LUMBER CO.

Mr. W. F. Grimes and Mr. W. B. Smith, attorneys representing the Chicago Title and Trust Company of Chicago, Ill., arrived here Wednesday to examine the records of the Grandin Lumber Company holdings. Mr. Grimes went through some of the records at the courthouse yesterday and Mr. Smith went to Boone for the same work in Watauga. They will leave today or tomorrow for Wilkesboro to wind up their end of the work.

"The county officials here have been very courteous and obliging in helping us with the particular work we are doing," Mr. Grimes said yesterday. "As a general thing we find courteous officials everywhere. The Caldwell officials have been exceedingly pleasant in this matter."

LOW RECORD IN LOSSES BY U-BOATS IS REACHED

Only one British merchant vessel of more than 1,600 tons was sunk by mine or submarine last week, according to the weekly statement of shipping losses issued. This is the low record since Germany began her submarine campaign.

Five vessels of less than 1,600 tons and one fishing boat were sunk during the week.

Not since Germany began her intensified submarine campaign in February has the total number of British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine been as small as the above admiralty statement shows. The previous low record was twelve merchantmen, eight of them of a tonnage in excess of 1,600 and four of them less than 1,600 tons.

BRAVERY DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICAN TROOPS

Though Taken By Surprise in German Trench Raid They Fought Gamely—Wide Red Trail Is Found

With the American Army in France—Complete details and verified reports of the recent German trench raid show that the American troops on that occasion set an example for courage and valor unequalled. The officer who had charge of verifying the accounts of the raid said to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I am proud to say that our men engaged in the fight did everything within their power. They jumped into the fight and stuck to it. In the first place the troops had been in the trenches less than three hours when the barrage fire of the Germans began. They had marched a good part of the previous night and were tired. Some of them were allowed to go to sleep in a dugout twenty-five feet under ground."

"When the barrage began these men did not hear the racket. It is apparent that the first they knew of it was when the Germans started throwing grenades down upon them. It was these men who were taken prisoner, but they fought well, even when surprised that way, for the stairs of the dugout were covered with blood, especially the top half, showing that the Germans there must have been hit. The entrance to the dugout also gave indications of close hand-to-hand fighting."

"From the dugout through the trenches and over the top through the barbed wire and well into No Man's Land there was a wide red trail. How much of it was American and how much German blood is not known."

"Investigation shows that all the American telephone wires between the observation posts and trenches and batteries at the rear were cut; by fragments of German shells which numbered approximately 50,000. The Germans crossing No Man's Land rolled up telephone wires behind them and set up a small field telephone exchange outside the American barbed wire with branch lines running to at least three points while the raid was in progress to direct the enemy artillery."

WAR EXPENSES RUNNING FAR BELOW ESTIMATES

In a speech before the Investment Bankers' Association at Baltimore Secretary McAdoo disclosed that government expenditures are running far below estimates given Congress, and predicted that the amount of money still to be raised for the fiscal year would not exceed ten billion dollars.

"Vague and unfounded apprehensions seem to exist in the public mind as to the extent of the financial requirements of the United States during the current fiscal year," the secretary said. "It may be helpful to the country to know that these requirements have been greatly exaggerated and that in the judgment of the secretary of the treasury there is no reason whatever for apprehension on this score."

"During the past few days the various departments of the government have submitted to me their estimates of expenditures during the current fiscal year. On the basis of these estimates I am confident that, allowing for a liberal balance in the general fund at the close of the fiscal year, not more than \$10,000,000 remains to be raised by the issue of bonds, war saving certificates and treasury certificates of indebtedness."

"This is not regarded by the treasury department as a task which will in any way strain the capacity of resources of the United States."

PRO-GERMAN KILLS WOMAN WHO DISAGREED WITH HIM

Following a dispute over the war, Mrs. Manuel Brown was shot and killed at Port Arthur, Tex., Monday night at her home in the presence of her husband. George Patrick was arrested and taken to Beaumont for safe keeping. Enraged citizens are said to have followed the automobile toward Beaumont but did not overtake it.

Patrick is said to have taken the side of Germany and became enraged at Mrs. Brown's position.

NEW ARMY DRAFT REGULATIONS PREPARED

Will Be in Hands of Boards Next Week; to Govern All Future Drafts—Few Will Be Rejected

Copies of the new army draft regulations will be in the hands of all boards next week. They will govern all future drafts.

Under the new plan the burden of applying information, which will result in his being placed in his proper classification under the selective service law, rests squarely upon the individual registrant.

All instructions now in the hands of the boards will be annualled upon the receipt of the new regulations, which are greatly reduced in extent and simplified in process.

Included in the new book is everything bearing on the draft processes as now organized, from the the questionnaire to be sent each registrant are filled out and returned to the boards until accepted men are actually in the military service. Each book carries a copy of the statutes and also a verified copy of the master list of the drawing.

The questionnaire process will eliminate from consideration for military service probably 95 per cent of the men who would have been discharged or exempted under the old plan. Under the first call the average board was compelled to examine five men to obtain one for service. In some cases not more than one out of ten or twelve was sent to the camps.

It is expected that under the new scheme not more than one man in five called up will be rejected.

The American Bar Association and the American Medical Association are at work now organizing the lawyers and doctors to aid registrants in their vicinity in filling out the questionnaires. With the aid of these associations it is hoped a high percentage of the questionnaires will come back in such form that the boards will have little more than a rubber stamp proceeding left to select the men to fill any call.

REVOKED LICENSES OF ALL MEAT MARKETS

Pass War Measure in an Effort to Lower High Cost of Living—Change the Parking Ordinance

The first real war measure to be enacted into a law by the commissioners of Lenoir was passed at Tuesday night's meeting, when an order revoking all meat dealers' licenses was passed. This ordinance was enacted on account of the high prices being charged by butchers, and no doubt it will have some effect towards bringing about cheaper meats, as under this ruling all persons who wish to butcher a cow may sell from house to house or on open market on the streets, as they wish.

It will now cost one dollar to lounge or trespass on the grass plats around the public square or around the monument, and no further parking of cars will be allowed around the monument.

GERMAN OFFICERS RUN WHEN ATTACKS BEGIN

Canadian Headquarters in France. Increasing disorganization among the enemy forces is indicated in statements made by captured prisoners, while the decline in the morale of the officers is unquestioned. One officer states that when we attacked on Saturday all the other officers in his battalion ran back to shelter, some 300 yards behind the front line, leaving the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men to carry on. In another instance no fewer than eleven officers were captured in one dugout.

With such conduct growing discontent is reported among the rank and file. The statements of prisoners lead to the conclusion that the whole fabric of German arms is held together by little more than iron discipline.

Reserve battalions in Germany are stated to be almost empty, picked men and experienced constructors having been sent to the Italian front and the remaining available men in drafts to the western front.

GOOD PROGRESS IN MAS- TERING U-BOAT MENACE

Torpedo-Boat Destroyer Seems to Be the Most Effective Weapon Against Them—40,000 Suggestions

Important progress has been made in the problem of locating submarines, after which their destruction is a comparatively simple matter, Secretary Daniels said in a statement discussing the 40,000 separate suggestions, plans or models of devices submitted to the naval consulting board since the United States entered the war against Germany.

"The idea that the submarine will be overcome by a miraculous invention is not now seriously considered," the secretary said. "The more intimate knowledge the civilian obtains on this subject the more convinced he is that the submarine can be conquered by persistently hunting him down by the weapon of which he is most afraid. This is the armed service boat, equipped with all the latest scientific devices and typified in the modern torpedo-boat destroyer. Foreign naval authorities have frankly stated their admiration of the degree of perfection of American designs."

"In regard to the protection of ships against torpedo attacks the undeniable evidence of recent months of submarine activity has demonstrated that the immunity of a vessel depends very largely on its speed and maneuvering ability. There is a possibility that some artificial means of protecting cargo-carrying vessels may be found practicable. In no other field have so many suggestions or so many duplicate inventions been presented to the board."

The secretary said that the thought on submarine defense may be subdivided into three groups:

1—Methods to accomplish the destruction of submarines, including detection and destruction after detection.

2—Means of avoiding submarine attack, involving instructions for merchant vessels, proper handling of vessels, camouflage, smoke screens and other confidential information known to American naval authorities.

3—Protection against torpedo hits. All of the 40,000 suggestions submitted have received careful consideration, Mr. Daniels said, and much valuable aid has been given to various branches of the war service. Many proposals, however, have been found to be impractical, largely due to the failure of inventors properly to inform themselves of certain fundamental principles.

The naval consulting board and the navy department have prepared and are giving free distribution to pamphlets which give general information to inventors that they may avoid acting upon misconceptions as to fundamental principles with consequent waste of effort.

MOST OF REGISTRANTS CALLED HAVE SHOWN UP

Only a few of the men called by the exemption board failed to appear Monday and Tuesday for examination. By tomorrow it is likely that these few remaining will show up. These tardies have been with men who are out of the State or are away somewhere else.

OHIO OFFICIALS ARE IN- DICTED FOR SEIZING COAL

Coal seizures in times of urgent need went under the ban Tuesday, when the Federal grand jury reported indictments against Mayor Carmichael of Willoughby, Ohio, Prosecuting Attorney George C. von Beseler and Deputy Marshals James Barnes and Grant L. Amos for impeding interstate commerce shipments and for conspiracy to commit such acts. All are charged with seizing New York Central railroad coal Nov. 1 and 2, and if convicted they face penalties of \$10,000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

WILL SAND-CLAY W. HARPER AND REPAIR SIDEWALK

Funds not being available at the present time, West Harper avenue to Virginia street will not be paved. However, Tuesday night the commissioners issued an order to have the street improved by placing top soil on the street, or giving it a sand-clay surface. The sidewalk will also be improved.