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BRAZILIAN WAR LETTER

Miss Ruth Woodward, who was in France when the Germans invaded and struggled through Spain and Portugal to Brazil, writes of events in that country when war was declared last week. Her air mail letter is as follows:

Rio, August 19, 1942.

Dear Mr. Vining:

Although you must have already read cabled accounts of the reaction in Rio and Brazil, I thought you would be interested to hear from me. Somehow, I always seem to be in cities at vital times.

Well, to put it mildly Rio has been in a state for the past two days. The populace is really excited, indignant, and furious at the outrage done them by the unwarranted sinking of nine of their ships, including troops and passengers, which were going from Bahia to Recife, quite within their own territorial waters. Demonstrations have gone on in all the cities and towns, so the radio plays, but I can only tell you of Rio.

Here, everywhere flags have been hung at half mast. The radio plays only patriotic songs, the casinos are closed, and the church bells ring dolefully.

The first day—18th—all shops were closed in the afternoon and students were also given a holiday. In the Avenida there was a crowd thicker than at carnival time, raging around, stopping at the war of ministry shouting "Death to the Axis", protesting in front of the President's palace, Guanaraba.

This morning soldiers were go-

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LeRoy Wells Ordered To Begin Serving Term

Judge J. H. Clement, presiding at the fall term of Polk county superior court at Columbus, Wednesday issued commitment orders for LeRoy Wells to begin his sentence of from five to seven years in State's prison, Raleigh, for assisting and causing to have burned the Tryon Negro graded school. Wells, principal of the school at the time of the burning, was sentenced along with two other Negro men, Cleveland Rice and Arthur Suber. Suber and Rice took their sentences, but Wells appealed his conviction to the Supreme court and was given a new trial at the August term of Polk county superior court in 1941. He also was convicted at that term of court by a jury drawn from the neighboring county of Rutherford, and the sentence was sustained by the presiding judge. Again Wells appealed to a higher court and again lost his appeal.

The sheriff's department left today with Wells for Raleigh.

Check Gets Long Sentence

Woodrow Cheek, 21, negro, was sentenced Tuesday to serve from 12 to 15 years at hard labor for breaking and entering and larceny. Testimony showed the defendant entered the home of Mrs. M. O. Kelley on Melrose Circle, here, and took a sum of money. He was found asleep in the house when discovered.

Polk county superior court closed the fall session on Wednesday at noon.