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AMERICAN SAILOR POPULAR FIGURE AT BRITISH PORT

American Destroyer Squadron Completes Its First Month of Service.

TAKE THEIR TURNS WITH THE BRITISH

Go Actual Battle as Yet But Several U-Boats Have Been Sighted.

THE BRITISH PORT BASE OF THE AMERICAN FLOTILLA. (Via London, June 6.) -The American demonth of active service in the great war. They have been favored with excellent weather, which is a big factor in anti-submarine warfare. Most of the time they have had sunny skies and smooth seas with just enough squall and storm to put their seamanship to test. The favorable weather conditions made their task of learning the technique of anti-submarine warfare much simpler and

Virtually Assimilated.

The American boats are assigned to work hand in hand with the British squadrons, being virtually assimilated into the British naval machinery here. A destroyer is usually out for four or five days, and then returns to port for two or three days while coaling and loading supplies. Thus every Ameriloading supplies. Thus every Amerisome hundreds of thousands of men can sailor gets at least half a day in the army and navy and national shore leave practically every week. The Americans take their turn with

the British boats in all routine work of patrol and convoy. The work, although largely routine, is interesting and the Americans have never yet found time hanging heavy on their hands. The lookout must be constant and eyes must be trained to an unbelievable degree of keenness. The young Americans take zealously to this business of finding the periscopic needle in the nautical haystack, and daily reports of submarines sighted, of observations made, of wireles warnings sent broadcast show that the American boats are already makfing an average of results almost as satisfactory as the long experienced British boats, with which they are operating.

No Actual Battle. There has been no actual battle as yet between an American destroyer and the enemy although several reports show that U-boats shave been sighted and have been compelled to beat a hasty retreat to the depths of

An assignment to convoy a liner "from home," that is, from an Ameriran port, is regarded as an especially choice morsel. A Trans-Atlantic liner which sights the American flag approaching to escort her to land never falls to respond with a great waving of flags and handkerchiefs from her decks and there is a fine exchange of wigwag signals in lieu of handshakes. Several American liners can already testify to the vigilant work of the American destroyers as convoys. Occasionally a fortunate liner finds her self being escorted to port by American and British destroyers side by side, circling about her like twin sisters, a visible sign of the new alli-

The American boats were ready for duty the minute they arrived. was something of a pleasant surprise for the British naval men. It had been expected that some time would be necessary for certain installations and fittings, but the Americans nad everything in readiness and were at assigned to work.

ITALY'S WAR AIMS ARE **DEFINED IN STATEMENT** MADE BY SIGNOR NITT

Did Not Enter War for Indemnities or Annexation, He Says.

ITALIANS IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Italy's war aims were defined in a statement today by Francesco Saverio Nitti, former Italian cabinet officer and a member of the war mission. "Italy did not enter the war for in-demnities or annexation," he said. "Italy entered the war for the purpose of rectifying our frontiers in order that the liberty and freedom of Italian subjects living under the Austrian yoke may by won. Italy's war is a war for independence and for humanity. We are fighting for the same

Mr. Nittl, a professor of economics at the University of Naples, discussed with authority and interest the report that the commission had reached an agreement with the American govern-ment regarding the status of Italians

of military age in this country.
"There must be more than 250,000
Italians in the United States who are liable for military duty, but they are liable for military duty, but they are for the most part over the age limit of your conscription law, as the great majority of our young men abroad re-turned to Italy at the outbreak of the

REGISTRATION FIGURES INDICATE THAT MILLIONS AWAIT THE CALL TO ARMS

Late Returns Received At Washington-Believed That People Will Bring in the Slackers-Next Step is Selection of Men for Army.

mighty roll of honor of American manhood has begun to reach Washington tonight, from the states that had completed their count of the men of military age registered yesterday. At a late hour only a few complete reports were sufficient to show that millions of men await the call to

The official figures were too scant for an accurate estimate of the total stroyers have completed their first of the men who have registered. The first reports showed that the census bureau estimates of eligibles had not been equalled, but officials pointed out that the numbers by which one or two cities alone had exceeded the es-timates would wise exceeded. timates would wipe out the entire deficiency of the several smaller states

sending in their first official returns.

Still in Progress.

In some of these cities registration still was in progress today, the attorney general having approved the action of Provost Marshal General Crowder, in authorizing an extension of time where cards were leading to the second control of time where cards were leading to the second control of time where cards were leader. of time where cards were lacking or where the registration machinery proved inadequate to its task. Until the records of the great manu-facturing centers are completed, re-sults of the registration cannot be gaured accurately. General Crowder,

gauged accurately. General Crowder said tonight that it was not to be expected that the registration figures would check with the census estimates. mates, if for no other reason because guards who were not required to reg-

Messages from governors all over the country showed that there are relatively few slackers to be dealt with. Already the machinery of the government is moving to bring these

few to a reckoning.

People Will Act.

The chief factor in bringing them to book will not be legal process.

General Crowder and the forces of the department of justice place full General Crowder and the forces of the department of justice place full reliance in the people themselves in bringing forward these shirkers. No plan that would serve that end will be overlooked. No man skulking in temporary safety because he is a stranger in his community or hestranger in his community, or be-cause his age is not known, will es-cape if the processes of the law can bring him to an accounting. But it is upon the indignation of men and women whose sons or other kin have faced the issue with courage and cheerfully recorded their names that the government chiefly depends to bring slackers into the open.

As the registration figures came in tonight, the work of preparing for the next great step proceeded without interruption. Already the registra-tions which will govern exemptions are virtually complete. It is prebable that few days will see them duly promulgated by President Wilson and the work of assembling the boards in each community each community under way. The personal honor of the president, of Secretary Baker and of every member of congress who voted for the bill

June 6.—The stands pledged to the statement that even-handed justice and fairness to all men, high or low: white or black, will govern in the great task. Much, must be done before the names of those who will compose the

armies can be enrolled. Millions of registration cards must be examined and classified. Those who are wholly unfitted physically for a soldier's grim business, must be eliminated. The quotas of the states must be assigned: the machinery for distributing this quota equally through every remote county or precinct of each state must be perfected. Exemption Boards.

The local exemption boards will almost equal in number the registration precincts. Assurance has been given that a man's own neighbors will be the judges to pass upon his case. There were more than 125,000 pre-cincts and equal decentralization will characterize the exemption chinery.
President Wilson upon whom the

President Wilson upon whom the law imposes the duty of selecting and appointing all these boards, probably will delegate this authority to the state officials. Their loyal and enthusiastic response, exemplified in the registration is certain.

Then comes the appointment of the boards of review to which each man who may be chosen by his local board for army duty may carry his case if he feels himself wronged. These broadly speaking, will be created for each federal judical district and the president may appoint them himself.

There is no statement yet available

There is no statement yet available as to the process by which men will be drawn to appear before the exemption, bards. Secretary Poles here tion boards. Secretary Baker has stated that something in the nature of a jury wheel might be employed, but beyond that no information has been

Reports today from all parts of the country bore out the indications of last night that the great enterprise had been carried through without objection or opposition from a suffi-cient number of citizens to be worthy clent number of citizens to be wortny of mention. Registration was com-pleted virtually without disorder; cer-tainly with only a small part of the disturbances that usually characterize

disturbances that usually characterian national elections.

The Next Step.

General Crowder tonight outlined what is to follow the great enroll-

ment:
"Registration marks the comple-tion of the first well defined step in tion of the first well defined step in the execution of the selective service law" he said. "The actual recording has been practically finished in a single day, but the arrangement and copying of the cards, their segrega-tion into appropriate groups, the publication of lists and the garnering in of delayed registrations will con-sume a week or ten days. In the meantime, the machinery of the reg-istration is being readjusted to serve as machinery for the further execu-

of the loose ends of registration.
"When this is all done, regulations governing the jurisdiction of the local boards will be issued and the machinery will then be ready to proceed (Continued on Page Two)

SECRETARIES DANIELS EIGHT OUT OF EIGHTEEN AND BAKER SPEND MOST GERMAN AIRPLANES ARE STRENUOUS DAY IN STATE DRIVEN DOWN BY BRITISH

Visit Three Places and Ad- British Were Ready for example and are ready to sacrifice their all for the Stars and Stripes. dress Big Audiences at Each.

DEGREE FOR BAKER.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 6 .- Visits to three places in North Carolina, with their return trip to Washington."

Secretary Baker visited the state to deliver the annual address at the commencement of the University of North Carolina, Secretary Daniels to started in the raid two were brought North Carolina, Secretary Daniels to conduct patriotic exercises at the commencement and to deliver the diplomas to the graduated. At the state university the honorary degree of LL. D., was conferred upon Secretary Baker. that degree having been conferred upon Secretary Daniels a few years ago. The same degree was also conferred upon Captain S. A. Ashe, historian and author. The two secretaries also delivered addresses at Durham in the afternoon and at Raleigh at night, being greeted by big and enthusiastic audiences at each place.

In each of the addresses made by Secretary Baker and Secretary Danlels expressed high gratification with the result of the selective draft registration of yesterday, that despite the fact that there had been talk of disaffections, that none of this was in evidence. Each paid high tribute to the splendid spirit of service shown by the self-registration of men for war service, Secretary Baker saying that this gave proof of the strength of the strongest though the loosest constructed democracy of the world, in which each of the people is free to express himself.

At night in Raieigh the two secretaries made brief addresses from the portico of the governor's mansion to a great crowd assembled at a Red Cross garden fete. The value of humaritarian work was emphasized. Secretary Baker declaring the ideals which carried this country into war with Germany were those of justice and liberty for all mankind.

After the lesson of the Folkstone raid, the British were ready for yesterday's visit and from the moment the Germans left the Belgian coast they were engaged, first with patrols over the channel, then with the land forces in England and later, on their return, with the squadron of airplanes sive actions, a warning was given the inhabitants of the districts visited and they were able to take to cover, so that the casualties, while consideration of the governor's mansion to a great crowd assembled at a Red Cross garden fete. The value of humaritarian work was emphasized. Secretary Baker declaring the ideals which carried this country into war with Germany were those of justice and they were able to take to cover, so that the casualties, while consideration of the districts visited and they were able to take to cover, so that the casualties, while consideration of the districts visited and they were able to take to cover, so that the casualties, while consideration of the districts visited and they were able to take to cover, so that the casualties, while consideration of the districts visited and they were able to take In each of the addresses made by

Great Raid Attempted by Germans.

RAIDS FREQUENT.

LONDON, June 6 .- Eight out of eighteen German airplanes that took addresses to big audiences at each, part in yesterday's air raid on Essex made this a strenuous day for Secretand Kent, were driven down by Brittary of War Baker and Secretary of ish airmen. Four of these were to a the Navy Daniels, who left tonight on certainty completely destroyed, while two others are believed to have been

down near the British coast after having dropped their bombs, as reported in the official statement. The remaining sixteen were engaged by ten naval airmen from Dunkirk, who in a great battle over the sea destroyed two more of the Germans and drove down another four, two of which, according to the official report, were completely put out of ac-

After the lesson of the Folkstone

The Annual Crop



ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES HELD BY CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN CONFEDERATE SECTION OF THE ARLINGTON CEMETERY Tender Tribute to the Women of the South is Paid by Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond—Emphasizes the Spirit of Unity and Fratemity Existing Between the Two Sections—Nearly 100,000 Visitors in Washington for Reunion. WASHINGTON, June 6.—Annual memorial exercises for the solder crowd. WASHINGTON, June 6.—Annual memorial exercises for the solder crowd. WASHINGTON, June 6.—Annual memorial exercises for the Southern society, drew a large crowd. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby rearis, assisted by the Sons of Vet. Survivors of the famous Mosby

Tender Tribute to the Women of the South is Paid by Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond--Em-

dead, a feature of every reunion, were held today by the Confederat, veterans, assisted by the Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, in the Confederate section of Arlington at the foot of the monument raised to Dixle's dead by the women of the south. Thousands crowded the stounds and heard the eulogies pronounced on those who died for the Lost Cause. Flowers were strewn on the graves, special wreaths being placed on the tomb of the unknown dead.

Tribute to Women.

Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., paid a tribute to the women of the south through whose efforts the memorial shaft was erected and to the istration is being readjusted to serve istration is being readjusted to serve as machinery for the further execution of the law. This work is proceeding rapidly and should be completed coincidently with the tying up pleted coincidently with the tying up the statue in Arlington, declaring "it is here by consent of the nation, by the act of your former foes. These rant to honor your dead, not with a challenge to a contest in a forum or in field; not with the sting of the taunting conqueror but with a knightliness as honorable to them as it was generous to you."

Expressing the gratitude of the

south for the action of their former foes, Bishop Denny said: "The south will not stint her appreciation nor her praise." Emphasizing the spirit of fraternity and until existing now between the two sections, Bishop Denny declared that "this monument is the seal of a fraternal union. Now not simply does the blue touch the gray, the two are interwoven. America is united." The young men of today, he said, will remember the heroism he said, will remember the heroism of their fathers and will emulate their

Roll of Honor.

The roll of honor of Confederate reterans was read by Adjutant-General William E. Mickle. Religious songs were rendered by a choir ac companied by the band. A display of a human flag on the Washington monument grounds by 2,-

LORD NORTHCLIFFE HEADS

old soldiers are being fed at each meal. Buildings are being rented and cots placed to take care of the overflow and many citizens are throw-ing open their homes. Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the guests by local committees and

Walked from Atlanta.

Arthur Pope Murray who was a member of Kemper's battery of Alex-Vice-President from his home in Atlanta, 900 miles, + for the reunion. The veterans are looking forward to

the climax of their hopes, the parade up Pennsylvania avenue tomorrow and by the white house where they will be reviewed by President Wilson and Vice-President Marehal. A de-tachment from the local post G. A. R.. will act as escort to General Harrison. the commander-in-chief of the Confederates. National guard organizations and the young men training for officers in the Fort Meyer camp, will also be in line.

Governor Stuart, of Virginia, accompanied by the cadets of the Vir-ginia Military institute, reached here tonight for the parade tomorrow and on Friday will go to Gettysburg to attend the unveiling of the Virginia statue of General Lee.

one picked the fiddle. They enjoyed themselves like boys on an outing and spent much time lying on the cots uner their tents renewing war time incidents and events.

At their session today the Sons of Veterans re-elected Ernest G. Bald- + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

TORNADOES CLAIM TOLL

Veterans and visitors continued to come in today and estimates placed the number of veterans in attendance at 10,000 and the number of visitors at 10,000 and the number of visitors at 100,000, nearly double the size of the pre-reunion estimates. Over 3,000 veterans were registered at the union station and more than 7,000 badges distributed, a rush order for 5,000 more having been placed, so each veteran will have a souveniff from the reunion. Over 4,500 of the motion in the gallery, a rule vigorold soldiers are being fed at each old soldiers are being fed at each of the Gulf of Triest. The Vienna war office claims the capture of 271 Italian officers and 5,500 men in this fighting. All along the front the Austrians are heavily shelling Italian potential of the president merchantmen of the presiding to a soldier are being fed at each old soldiers are being fed at each of the senate. A nummotion in the gallery, a rule vigor-ously enforced in the senate. A num-ber of visiting veterans spoke, one of whom "nominated Senator Smith for the presidency." The rule against admitting visitors to the floor of the senate, even when that body is not in session, is strictly enforced and it said that this is the first session the kind in history.

NORTH CAROLINA FIGURES.

RALEIGH, June 6 .- At 10 o'clock tonight sixty counties had telegraphed official the selective draft returns the selective draft registration showing a total of 122,382, or an excess of 6,002 over the gov-ernment estimate for these coun-ties, and about 100 to the ties, and about 100 to the county more than was estimated, so
 that North Carolina will cer tainly pass the 200,000 mark in ++++++++++++

SEVEN KILLED IN TORNADO. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 6. Seven persons were killed and

Veterans cleared a circle near their camp where several would dance the wright county apple belt toold country square dance while some country square data with the square state of the square sq and Norwood. All wires are down and only meager reports have come from the stricken district.

WAR REVENUE BILL WILL NOT BE READY BY FRIDAY

Consideration of Measure Will Probably Not Begin Until Next Week.

WASHINGTON June 6.—Consid-ration of the re-drafted war tax bill will not begin in the senate until next week. After nearly two weeks spent in revising the house bill downward, the senate finance committee today abandoned its plan to have the measure ready Friday. Instead, Chairman Simmons said, the committee hopes to complete its revision Saturday. the property damage place it any- urday.

Decisions on important taxation questions still pending were deferred today, details and minor tax rates alone occupying the days sessions. Rates on incomes and excess profits are to be left to he last. It ap-pears probable that both as adopt-ed by the house may be changed and increased in some respects. Any revenue needed to make a total levy of \$1,500,000,000 probably will be secured by increasing the income or ex-cess profits taxes.

in the country southeast and west of Topeka. One other was killed at Savonburg, near Iola, where the tornado appeared early today.

The course of the tornado was The documentary stamp section, to be considered tomorrow, probably will be little changed. As to the tax upon publishers, which also may be settled at tomorrow's sessions, committee sentiment apparently favors adhering to the tentative decision for a two per cent advertising levy and crained increasing postago rates. BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE GERMAN POSITIONS IN WEST

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Take About Mile of Terrain North of the Scarpe River.

ARTILLERY DUELS

ON REST OF FRONT Italians Forced to Give Way

by Austrians Near Gulf

of Triest.

LONDON. June 6.—The British troops have captured a German position north of the Scarpe river over a front of about a mile, according to the official report from headquarters tonich.

tonight.

The French steamer Crenoque gave battle to a German submarine, which was trying to approach her in a heavy sea. Four shots from the steamer sent the U-boat scurrying beneath the waves.

Artillery Duels.

From the North sea to the FrancoBeigian frontier the entents allies and
the Germans are engaged in artillery

STEAMER AFTER BATTLE

Running Fight With U-Boat Ends in Destruction of Latter.

REPORT RECEIVED.

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 thirty-five shots were fired by the submarine and twenty-five by the steamer. An official announcement by the state department today says the steamer's final shot "apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern end up for a water and stood stern end up for a few seconds. Then she disappeared." The department's announcement

The department of state is advised by telegraph of an engagement be-tween an armed American steamer and a submarine. The guns of the steamer were manned by an American naval crew. The submarine was first seen at about 7,000 yards. She had

a six-inch gun forward and another aft. She flew no flag.
"Upon sight of the submarine, the steamer hoisted the American flag and waited for about ten minutes. As the submarine approached the steamer fired. The submarine responded. The steamer kept a speed that would not permit the submarine to come within range. Then followed a fight lasting for an hour and a half. The submarine came to a distance of about 2,300 yards. By that time the subma-rine had fired thirty-five shots and the steamer twenty-five. The last shot of the steamer apparently struck the the steamer apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern end up for a few seconds. Then she disappear-ed. The captain of the steamer and the commander of the guard believe

that the submarine was sunk. The teamer suffered no damage."

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN Circulation Yesterday

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THE WEATHER.

OF LIFE AND PROPERTY Succeeds Arthur J. Balfour, Missouri and Kansas Visited by Series of Cyclones-

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 6 .- Tor-

nadoes last night and early today

spread death and destruction through

The number of injured has reached

approximately 159, and estimates of

where from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000

The greatest loss of life apparently

was in Boone county, Missouri, where

the tornado, dipping here and there

as it raged from the southwestern to

the northeastern corner, claimed eleven persons. In Carroll, Chariton

and Ray counties, further west, four are dead—three at Richmond and one at Whitam.

In Kansas the deaths totalled eight

Twenty-Four Dead.

Who is to Return to His

BRITISH WAR MISSION

LONDON, June 6.-Lord North-cliffe, at the request of the war cabinet, has accepted the position of head of the British war mission in the United States in succession to Arthur J. Balfour, who is to return to his duties at the foreign office.

Lord Northcliffe's task will be to The number of injured has reached.

co-ordinate the various British mis-sions and to act in concert with the missions of the entente allies and of the American and Canadian govern-ments. He has made many visits to the United States and Canada. Lord Northcliffe is well known as

a writer and newspaper proprietor, He controls among other journals, The London Times and London Daily Mail. He has a controlling interest in great New Foundland paper mills and the imperial paper mills at Grave-send, near London. He has long taken an active part in British political af-fairs and recently has been engaged in vigorous support of Premier Lloyd-George's home rule for Ireland policy.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Forecast marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near Topeka, early in the day, for North Carolina: Probably fair Thursday and Friday, not much counts, kine and then came to easth again in Ray counts, kine and the counts of the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near topeka, early in the day, and then came to easth again in Ray to the tornado was marked by odd jumps. First it appeared near topeka, early in the day.