

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Forecast for North and South Carolina: Local thunderstorms Monday and probably Tuesday.

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CONTINGENT OF AMERICANS WILL STAY ON RHINE

Eighth Infantry, Less One Battalion, Will Be Retained

COBLENZ, June 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Not more than 1,200 men and a nucleus of the American forces in Germany will remain here indefinitely, it is officially made in a cable message to Major General Henry T. Allen from the war department. This means the retention of the Eighth Infantry, less one battalion, now in the United States.

VERDUN IS GIVEN AMERICAN MEDAL HONORING VALOR

Herrick Present Only Award of Its Kind Made by U. S. Congress.

VERDUN, France, June 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—In the name of the American congress and the American people, Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, today presented to the city of Verdun the first and only medal ever given by the United States government to any community in the world.

QUANTITY OF MUNITIONS

RELAST, June 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Military forces today captured Pettigoe and captured republican prisoners as well as a large quantity of arms and munitions.

FERGUSON GIVES UP TO POLICE IN NEW ORLEANS

Relates Story of Bank Hold up—Wants to See Wife Who Is Ill.

NEW ORLEANS, June 4.—A man who stated that he was William Ferguson, of Baton Rouge, La., walked into police headquarters tonight and told the police that he had robbed the Peoples Bank of that place on May 16, last.

BANK OF RANDELMAN ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 4.—The bank of Randelman, N. C., was robbed at daylight on the morning of May 24 by a man named Grady Ferguson, who had lived in Randelman all his life.

BISHOP KILGO TAKES TURN FOR THE WORSE SUDDENLY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 4.—The condition of Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, who is ill at a hospital here, took a turn for the worse today and his physician says he is much weaker tonight after passing a restful day. His wife and two children, who are at Charlotte, N. C., Friday, noted the bishop had shown marked improvement.

BAKHMETEFF NOT TO RETAIN HIS AMBASSADORSHIP

Will Not Be Recognized as Ambassador for Russia After June 30.

TAKES INITIATIVE IN PROPOSITION

Late Work Was That of Liquidating Property Claims Following War.

WASHINGTON, June 4.— Boris Bakhmeteff, whose status as Russian ambassador here has been a subject of controversy since the Kerensky government, which appointed him, collapsed five years ago, has been notified by the state department that his credentials no longer will be recognized by the United States after June 30.

The department acted after Mr. Bakhmeteff himself, taking note of a senate criticism of his continued presence here, had offered to retire should the Washington government desire it. The work of liquidating property claims growing out of the war, the ambassador said, had been his chief function in recent months and now was about completed.

In making public the correspondence tonight, the department announced that termination of Mr. Bakhmeteff's duties as ambassador "has no bearing whatsoever upon the question of the recognition of the so-called regime in Russia, which is an entirely separate matter."

At the same time department officials made public an exchange of letters between Secretary Hughes and Secretary Mellon of the treasury department, in which cognizance is taken of the charges of misuse of Russian embassy funds, disclosed in the senate several weeks ago by Senator Borah.

Mr. Bakhmeteff's duties as ambassador here will be terminated on June 30. A detailed statement of the embassy's expenditures is given by Mr. Mellon, whose letter declared that the \$187,000.00 advanced by the United States was used solely for the purchase of obligations of the Russian government in accordance with the former loan acts.

Money Made on

Of the \$187,000.00 total, the treasurer said, \$125,000.00 was transferred by the ambassador to the account of the Russian finance ministry, leaving \$62,000.00 for expenditure in this country.

At the time of the fall of the Kerensky government in November, 1917, the letter added, the embassy had \$36,000.00 on deposit in this country.

The balance remaining from this government's loans to Russia, the remainder representing moneys derived from British and other sources, \$58,000.00, Mr. Mellon added, together with other moneys added through liquidation proceedings, all was spent under the supervision of state and treasury officials.

The liquidations effected were for a total of approximately \$192,000.00, negotiations regarding which were said to have been virtually completed. Upon Mr. Bakhmeteff's retirement, these negotiations are to be carried forward by Serge Ughet, financial attache of the embassy, who is to continue to enjoy the same status.

The correspondence between Mr. Bakhmeteff and Secretary Hughes is dated late in April, after Senator Borah had challenged the ambassador's status and had made an unsuccessful attempt to hale him before a senate committee. It was not until early in May, however, that senate discussion of the subject had reached its climax in a list of interrogatories propounded by Mr. Borah on the senate floor, but never officially taken notice of either the state department or the embassy.

FINANCE MEMORIAL TO GENERAL R. E. LEE

RICHMOND, Va., June 4.—E ection of a suitable memorial to General Robert E. Lee, in Washington, D. C., has been provided for, financially, in the will of Emerson M. Millan, millionaire banker and union veteran of the war between the states, who died at his country estate near New York city, recently.

Crowds filled city hall square while the luncheon was in progress and cheered for America with such force that the ambassador was forced on the balcony and salute the spectators.

Premier Poincaré accepted the medal in behalf of the French government, making an impressive speech, in which he spoke of that had been done by the American soldiers to help gain the victory and defended France's position on the reparations and army issues.

The tribute of admiration you bring from one hundred million human beings is paid to the unflinching bravery of France as a whole. It was the whole of France which defended Verdun. Our division turned in the lines of this fortified zone and there are none of our provinces or municipalities that have not offered some of the noblest of their sons on the bloody battle hills.

Honor, Indicative of Causes Nobility

"Well we know, moreover, that the United States would never have bestowed such honors of their regard and gratitude upon France had our countrymen's courage and self devotion been displayed in a selfish and ignoble quarrel. If America has seen fit to honor Verdun it is because the battle and victory of right and freedom. The deeds of valor around this inviolate citadel were inspired neither by thought of aggression nor lust for conquest; we fought for our independence, our threatened homes.

"It was to defend the same ideal that the American legions crossed the Atlantic and shed their blood on our devastated fields. Many of them stood at salute by the graves of these brave boys of the United States who are sleeping their last sleep in the Romagne cemetery, close by, and need hardly tell you how ardently I watch their arduous advance in this battle with what joy I saw them drive the invaders from Montaucon, to which for four years they had clung so stubbornly."

Republican Dream Of White Man's Party In Black Belt Fades With Fraud Charges

J. L. Phillips, Republican Committeeman From Georgia, Charged With War Contract Fraud, Arrested Ordered by Department.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The republican dream of a "white man's party" in the black belt of the south came to a "bad end" today, when it became known that J. L. Phillips, republican distributor for Georgia, had been charged with fraud against the government in war contracts, and his arrest ordered by the department of justice.

A warrant has been issued for Phillips, and he is being sought by Federal officers. The people of the south are keenly interested in Phillips and his connection with the Harding administration.

When the republicans resumed control of area, after two democratic administrations, it was informally announced that the republicans were going after white "reactionists" of the southern states.

The negro politician was to be passed to the background, and wealthy business men with republican tendencies were to be the front. A denile program was formulated. Georgia was selected for the first try out. Three republican state leaders—former Georgia native Clarence B. Miller, old guard republican, of Minnietta, then secretary of the republican national committee, Joe Keating, republican national committee man from Indiana, and Billy McGinnis, of Ohio, went to Atlanta and "organized" a Lily white party. Miller presided. Keating made the motions, and McGinnis was chief speaker. Phillips, a friend of President Harding, and Mr. Miller was named to head the organization. He has since disassociated the republican pie for Georgia.

He has been busy making money and recommendations for John Now, the attorney general is hot on his trail on a charge of defrauding the government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars on contracts to dispose of surplus military equipment.

Johnson Happiest Man in Capital Now

The happiest man in Washington tonight is Henry Lincoln Johnson, denoted negro leader of Georgia, who was shoved aside for the new man.

The action of the department of justice followed quickly the laying of the evidence of special investigators before the assistant to the attorney general in charge of criminal cases.

For several weeks the Federal government has been checking up on Phillips, who has raised the administration much embarrassment. His activities have been nationwide and extended to several different fields affording opportunities for making big sums of money.

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Magnificence Of Prizes Elicits Admiration And Creates Great Interest

\$14,390 Prize List Quickens Pulses of Wide Awake Readers.

PICK OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY IN LINEUP

Much Enthusiasm Is Displayed Over The Citizen's Big Offer.

The Circulation Drive is already in the limelight of success, and the idea struck a popular chord at once. The announcement that the Asheville Citizen will give away \$14,390 in automobiles and other big and appropriate cash prizes to those who engage actively in the work of increasing the circulation of this newspaper, met with instantaneous response and favorable comment on all sides.

Folk just had time enough to begin reading the paper in which this magnificent prize list was announced before they were enthusiastic over the prospect of enrolling their names.

It is quite evident from the numerous telephone calls received both locally and over the long distance that senate discussion of the subject had reached its climax in a list of interrogatories propounded by Mr. Borah on the senate floor, but never officially taken notice of either the state department or the embassy.

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YOU JUST CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY!

By BILLY BORNE



PRESIDENT LEADS MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR SOUTH

Appears Unexpectedly When Men in Gray Revere Comrades' Memory.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" NOW IN ARLINGTON

Applause Following His Address Almost Amounts To an Ovation.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The President of the United States himself led the men who fought for the South in the Confederate army, today in Arlington cemetery to pay their annual tribute of love and remembrance to those who had gone on in the last long march.

Standing beneath the drooping folds of the Stars and Bars, President Harding uttered a prayer of gratitude for a reunited nation whose foundations, he said, had been laid by the men of the Confederate and Federal armies.

Mr. Harding spoke extemporaneously and his appearance on the platform of the open air amphitheater was a surprise to the crowd.

To the sons and daughters of veterans, Mr. Harding addressed a word of tribute.

"Standing as the son of one who fought in the Union cause," he said, "I want to say I have only gratitude and commendation and sincere tribute as a man to utter for the men who served the Union."

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Dramatic Scene Is Staged as Bankers Are Given Freedom

Armfield Collapses; Physicist Called to His Assistance

LEXINGTON, N. C., June 4.—Jesse Armfield, president, and Zed Griffith, cashier of the Bank of Thomsville, which failed in August, 1921, who have been in trial here for a week charged with obstruction and misapplication of the funds of the bank were this afternoon found not guilty.

The jury was given the case late last night following the rendering of a verdict in a dramatic scene was enacted in the Lexington courthouse.

Women relatives of Armfield became hysterical and had to be removed from the courtroom while Griffith and his attorney were visibly affected. Armfield appeared dazed by the verdict. With arms outstretched and head hanging backward, a death-like pallor on his face, the services of a physician were necessary to quiet and to care for him.

He was led into an ambulance and here broke down and cried bitterly.

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BRYAN SCORES EVOLUTION

CHARLOTTE, June 4.—William Jennings Bryan spent Saturday night in the city and Sunday at Davidson, his business at the latter point being to attend to the affairs of his son there in the fall. He went unheralded, but was made to speak this morning in the Presbyterian church. People from Asheville and other towns heard him, although messengers having been sent advising of his presence at the college. His subject was "Atheism and his remarks were based on the first commandment; emphasizing the three—all thy heart, all thy soul, all thy mind." Part of his talk was a strong incentive against evolution. He was dinner guest of President and Mrs. Martin, Dr. Harding of the faculty, accompanied him to Charlotte. He went to Jacksonville from here.

THREE ARE KILLED BY GEORGIA DERAILMENT

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., June 4.—Three persons were killed and two passengers seriously injured late today when Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic train No. 37 struck an automobile at a crossing near here.

The dead are: Dan Martin, 25, of Manchester, Ga., his wife and two-year-old child. The train was backing into Warm Springs to return a picnic crowd to Manchester when the accident occurred. Several passengers were slightly injured when the two coaches were derailed.

Lee's Majority Now About 15,000 On Face Of Unofficial Returns

PRIMARY RESULT EARLY FORECAST IS NOT CHANGED BY FLAT CREEK LATER RETURNS

Reynolds' Lead Over Ebbs Is Found to Be 77, And Not 1 Vote.

JOHNSON POLLS VERY LARGE VOTE

Beachboard States No Effort Made to Get Republican Returns.

Three Solicitors Lose Out in Their Races for Renomination.

GRADY DEFEATS JUDGE CRANMER

Congressman Pou's Majority Over Person May Be Record Maker.

The results of Saturday's primaries for county officers remained unchanged yesterday on the receipt of the returns from Flat Creek, the only precinct which failed to report Saturday night.

The vote in Flat Creek was as follows: Avery 64, Lee 28, Edwin 26, Hughes 14, Taylor 24, Lively 45, Davis 53, Digges 65, Mrs. Nash 23, Young 8, Collins 71, Hutchinson 22, Duckett 10, Hunter 8, Reagan 68 and Stokely 10. Ryder 38, Reeves 58, Hunter 22, Lyda 76, Brown 57, Frady 13, Glance 32 and Penland 10. Cowan 2, Erick 3, Johnson 54, Shuford 23 and Walker 9. Burnard 41, Eekles 21 and Roberts 83.

An error in addition of the vote as reported Sunday morning caused Reynolds' lead over Ebbs to appear as one vote, when his lead was 77 on the face of semi-official returns from every precinct except one.

Adding his plurality of 77 to the 124 he carried in the county race, Reynolds leads Ebbs in the senatorial race by a plurality of 124. According to a compilation of the semi-official returns from every precinct in the county Reynolds received 3,247 and Charles Reynolds, W. T. Lee, for member corporation commissioner received a majority of 1,970, in the county.

Lively and Others are Primary's Choice

The nomination of the following resulted from Saturday's primary: John A. Lively, sheriff; George A. Brown, Jr., registrar; Harry Nettles and Eugene Taylor, representatives; N. A. Collins, tax collector; H. Solon Hyder, treasurer; E. M. Lyda, chairman county board of commissioners; and C. C. Brown, commissioner of public institutions.

The vote received in the selector race in Bunoco, be, follows: Swain, 2,938; Jones, 1,781; Edwin 1,762; Hughes, 1,472; Eekles 2,966; Roberts 4,633.

Warren's Lead Over Collins Cut Down

W. W. Warren led Ben Collins by a margin of 400 as was reported Saturday night, the complete count showing Warren's lead no as much as had been reported.

The Buncombe county canvassing board will convene at four o'clock this morning for the purpose of canvassing the vote and officially announcing the nominations.

According to returns filed with the county board of elections, only 59 votes were cast in Buncombe by the republican ticket for the nomination of a standard-bearer to replace Representative Weaver in the general election. It is believed however that several hundred votes were cast, but the returns not filed with the board of elections.

Wayne Beachboard, chairman of the county republican executive committee, stated Saturday night that an effort was made by republican headquarters to obtain the result as it was understood that this effort was not one of the smallest interest in the race throughout the county.

Ralph Fisher, of Beavert, received 29 of the votes reported at Lee, R. W. Pegram, of Canton, received 19. They were divided in the various precincts as follows: Asheville No. 1, Fisher one; Packman No. 9, Asheville No. 4, Fisher three; Pegram four; Asheville No. 9, Fisher five; Pegram three; Asheville No. 13, Fisher three; Pegram one; Asheville No. 14, Fisher three; Pegram three; Black Mountain No. 1, Fisher three; Beavert one; Ivy No. 1, Fisher one; Pegram two, and Sandy Mush No. 1, Fisher one and Pegram five.

Pegram at Fray, though he withdrew from the race for democratic nomination as commissioner of public institutions, received 234 votes. He withdrew, however, came after the ballots had been printed.

Lee—Fredell, Mecklenburg, Buncombe, Haywood, Moore, Richmond, Alexander, Forsyth, Cumberland, Orange, Randolph, New Hanover, Guilford, Robeson, Lee, Cleveland, Rowan, Lincoln, Rutherford, McDowell, Granville, Northampton, Harnett, Stanley, Cabarrus, Johnston, Wayne, and Stokes, estimated as heavy with approximately 1,800 votes cast.

Election of J. T. Young as sheriff. (Continued on Page Two)

LEE GETS PRACTICALLY ALL OF VANCE COUNTY

BURNEVILLE, June 4.—W. T. Lee practically carried the entire Vance county vote over A. C. Avery for corporation commissioner. The majority has been estimated as heavy with approximately 1,800 votes cast.

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