

CALLS 5,192 N. C. NEGROES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

Department Waited for Milder Weather to Send Them North. Completes States Quota.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The war department is preparing to call out 5,192 North Carolina negroes within the next few days.

Life is a conundrum and every one has to give it up

NO AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ON SUBJECT.

Of Possible Action By Japan in Siberia Says Senator Lewis.

Washington, March 5.—Discussing reports of possible action by Japan in Siberia, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, Democratic whip in the Senate, declared there is no agreement or understanding between the United States and Japan on the subject.

HUNTED STILL IN STANLY COUNTY

An Adventurous All-Night Trip Taken By the Officers.

Charlotte Observer. Stanly county was the destination of the mysterious trip taken by federal and city officers Sunday night, and the trip, which resulted in the arrest of O. J. Bratton, of Locust Level, was one of the most adventuresome taken in many months by officers in this section of the State, they declared on their return.

A few minutes after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon the "scouting party," including Deputy Internal Revenue Agent Hedrick, Captain M. J. Henry, provost marshal, and Lieutenant Robinson, assistant provost marshal, Detectives J. D. Johnson and R. C. McKnight, of the local police department, and Jennings Dixon, in whose car the trip was made, left the city hall.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning the "scouting party" arrived back in the city, having taken a trip of more than 75 miles in search of liquor and stills. They found no stills, they said.

During the tour in the dead of night through Stanly county they visited the homes of several persons residing there, inquiring if they knew where any liquor could be bought. Getting no results after visiting a number of homes they stopped at the house of the father of the man who was brought back to the city.

This advice was followed. The officers rapped on the door several times before waking Bratton. He came to the door, asked what they wanted, and said he could supply them with a little whiskey, the officers declared.

The object of all marine traffic, especially under the emergency conditions imposed by the necessity of making war 3,000 miles from base, is to move as much freight as possible. The opposition to rendering ships nonsinkable is based upon considerations of a practical business character.

It has been definitely decided to bring Mrs. Hirsch to trial. Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—The bond of \$3,000 fixed by Judge Ben Hill for J. W. Cook, recently convicted of attempting in conspiracy with Mrs. H. H. Hirsch of Atlanta to extort \$500,000 from Mayor Asa G. Candler on a blackmail threat, is so far greater than he has been able to make.

FARMERS ASKED TO BUY U. S. S. Must Lead in This Highly Patriotic Duty, Says Secretary Houston.

In an appeal to the farmers to put their savings into government war savings certificates, Secretary of Agriculture Houston yesterday said: "It is the patriotic duty of every citizen who is in a position to do so to invest in war savings and thrift stamps and thereby help the nation to win this war."

Short Course for Merchants. Knoxville, Tenn., March 5.—A short course for merchants of the South, with particular attention to war time problems, was opened here today under the auspices of the University of Tennessee. Governor Manning of South Carolina heads the list of speakers to be heard during the two-day session.

Miss Margaret Matthews returned Monday night to the State Normal at Greensboro, after having been a weekend guest of Miss Lena Hall Fisher.

THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE IN MAINE.

A New Political Party Has Been Organized in That State.

Augusta, Me., March 5.—A new political party, to be known as the Maine Non-Partisan League, has been organized in this State and a complete state and county ticket has been drawn up.

The following is the tentative platform, subject to a State convention to be held by the new organization in May: A government of, by and for the people, means that the people must rise up and take the Government, both state and national.

Government ownership and operation of public utilities, especially of railroads, coal iron and copper mines, telegraph, telephone and water powers.

United States and Allies Begin Great Offensive This Spring. George R. Brown in Washington Post.

The greatest offensive against the German U-boats since the beginning of the war will be conducted during the coming spring and summer. It will take the form not only of naval attack against the undersea pirates, but of additional measures of safety being adopted for the protection of transatlantic tonnage.

As to most of the measures to be adopted with the coming of milder weather little information is obtainable, and it is of a highly confidential nature. That greater security is to be made possible in the war zone service is not a secret.

The winterhalter board of the navy, recently appointed ostensibly to test the steamer Lucia, that has been equipped with a nonsinkable device consisting of air-tight boxes distributed in various parts of the vessel, is actually investigating the whole subject of nonsinkable ships being used for transports and a supply freighters for France.

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Eloped With His Own Wife. Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—Eloping with another man's wife would be expected to get a man in trouble, but it remained for C. J. Nash of this city to land behind the bars for eloping with his own wife.

Charge Unfair Methods in Suppressing Competition. Washington, March 5.—Complaints were issued today by the Federal Trade Commission against the American Agricultural Chemical Company, of Connecticut, and the Brown Company, of New Jersey, charging unfair methods in suppressing competition in the manufacture and sale of fertilizer.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK.

Will Dissipate Before Congress False Views of Last Address.

Albert W. Fox in Washington Post. With President Wilson believed to be ready to address Congress on the international situation in general, and the Russian situation in particular, there are plain intimations that this next utterance will definitely dissipate the false impressions which pacifists and peace-by-compromise advocates have given of the President's last message.

It is understood that the President will make the German peace terms to Russia the text for a clear, concise and definite outline of this nation's position in the light of latest developments.

Announcement from Berlin that peace terms have been signed and the advance of the German armies suspended, coupled with the announcement of the Japanese government that in case peace were signed Japan would take emphatic steps, may merge the Siberian expedition question into the President's next statement, but this is not yet clear.

The fact that Nikolai Lenin, the bolshevik leader, virtually says he signed the peace terms in advance of knowing what they contained because "the more he talked the more drastic the terms became and the farther the German troops advanced," gives a striking idea of how Germany's mailed fist crushed out all deliberation and reason.

Noting would please many senators and diplomats more than to have the President make an end of these exchanges of peace views with Germany.

OUR TROOPS AGAIN MORE THAN MATCH FOR GERMANS

Another German Attack Met Firmly And the Enemy Driven Back.

Once more the American troops, holding the sector east of St. Mihiel in French Lorraine, have proved themselves more than a match for the Germans.

Russian Situation Absorbs Press and Public. Tokio, Saturday March 2, via Shanghai to London.—(By The Associated Press)—The Russian situation is completely absorbing the press and the public. There have been frequent meetings of the Japanese cabinet, at which, doubtless, the entire question was considered most carefully with a full realization of the serious nature of the responsibilities involved.

Saved From Many Dangers. Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—Abraham Amato, proprietor of a little shoe repair shop on Capitol avenue near the state house in this city, and cousin of Pasquale Amato, the famous opera singer, has just received a letter from his wife in Jerusalem, whom he has not seen for three years.

Boy Scouts to Sell W. S. S. Secretary McAdoo has asked the 250,000 Boy Scouts of America to enlist in the war savings and thrift stamp campaign.

Compensating the scouts on their splendid work in the liberty loan campaigns the Secretary of the Treasury has sent them a letter, telling of the chance to serve their country. Red posters will be printed by the government for the scouts with orders issued to all postmasters to deliver stamps to them.

North Carolina farmers and food consumers have come to realize that there was no hot air about the warning they received last Spring that unless they produced their own food and feedstuffs they would have to go without. The railway situation has been such, is such, and promises to continue such, that this section will not be able to import food commodities and feedstuffs in any considerable quantities until after the war is over and by that time let us hope that our people will have realized that it is foolish under any circumstances to import corn, oats, and hay, to feed livestock to row cotton or tobacco or any other crop, especially when the production of cotton and tobacco need not be reduced in order to secure an increased production of food and feedstuffs. Crop rotation and better farming will turn the trick.

SOMETHING ABOUT GENERAL RAWLINS

One of the Most Widely Known Officers of the British Army

London, March 4.—General Rawlinson, appointed British military attaché to the Supreme Council of Versailles, is one of the most widely known officers of the British Army. "Sennarberib" Rawlinson was born in the army—a nickname which he earned in his Aton days, when he was a cavalryman.

General Rawlinson's military career began in 1884, following the death of his father, a military education which he completed in three years at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

For his brilliant work in the command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade during the Boer War, he was promoted to Major-General in 1902.

General Rawlinson's military career was marked by numerous successes. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallant conduct during the Boer War.

USE LESS SWEETS. That is the Advice to Us of Our Soldiers in France.

Washington, March 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Up good space with sweets that should be used for needed ammunition, candy and cakes taste fine, but they do much good when the line is held, his offensive, so don't do anything to hinder the United States.

Chicago, Ill., March 5.—What you baby will be the last national prohibition convention to be held by the prohibitionists, as a distinct party organization, assembled in this city today was called to order by Wm. J. Shaw, chairman of the national committee. The chief purpose of the convention is to ratify the merger of the prohibition party with the national party that was born in Chicago last November.

Peking, Wednesday, Feb. 27.—The governor of the province of Shensi, western China, from which reports that the Russian army is stirring up the Mohammedan tribes on the frontier, evidently in preparation for an invasion of Sin Kiang.

Narva Captured By the Germans. London, March 5.—Narva, a fortified city southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the German army. The advance on Petrograd, according to Petrograd telegraph dispatches, is being held up.

Says Action Has Been Settled. London, March 5.—The British government says the question of Japanese intervention in Siberia has been settled. The allies as well as the United States have agreed to immediate action to safeguard the interests of the Allies.

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