

PERSHING TO LEAD ARMY OF REGULARS TO FRANCE

Major General to Command Division of 25,000 Men to Aid French and British--Will be in Action by September 1--More to Follow.

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—United States regular troops led by Major General Pershing will carry the Stars and Stripes to France to assist the French and British.

Order of President Wilson a division of approximately 25,000 troops will be sent to France as soon as possible.

President Wilson will not use the authorization given in the war army bill, signed last night, which would permit the use of Col. Roosevelt in France, in announcing his decision. President Wilson said he was guided by military advice.

Machinery for enrolling and sifting 100,000 men and paying the first 500,000 men under the new army law, based on the executive proclamation, was in operation by the war department today. The selection calls on all men between the ages of 21 and 30 years to be liable.

The draft will be called to the colors on or about September 1, but that time the regular troops will be in action against the Germans.

General Pershing today was authorized to take command of the American Expeditionary Force. Officials said that he might be found for training and Roosevelt's services. There was no effect in army circles.

President Wilson's proclamation, putting into effect the selective draft provision of the war army bill, follows:

A proclamation by the president of the United States:

Whereas Congress has enacted and the president has on the 18th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, signed a law which contains the following provisions:

Section 1. That all male persons between the ages of 21 and 30 both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the president; and upon the expiration of the registration period the president or his representative shall give him or her the option of entering the military or naval service of the United States, or of being exempted therefrom, or of being deferred from such service for a period not exceeding one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered. Provided, that in the call of the draft precedence shall be given, in the courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under the laws of the United States, that persons who are subject to registration as herein provided shall be exempted from the provisions of this act upon the expiration of the registration period, and all persons subject to registration shall be exempted from the provisions of this act upon the expiration of the registration period, and all persons subject to registration shall be exempted from the provisions of this act upon the expiration of the registration period.

The trustees of Rutherford College, in session Friday, arranged to erect a dormitory in honor of the late Dr. J. H. Weaver to cost \$15,000 and decided to raise the curriculum of the institution to the junior grade. Prof. J. R. Walker of Weaverville College was elected field agent and professor and he will teach at the institution as the result of the raising of the standard.

Methodists throughout the Western North Carolina conference will appreciate the memorial to Dr. Weaver, one of the ablest and most beloved men in the denomination. As pastor of the Hickory church about eight years ago, he won the love of his congregation and the friendship of others.

Rutherford College graduates hereafter will be able to enter the junior class of any first class college in the state.

Rev. H. H. Jordan of Gastonia is president of the board of trustees and Messrs. Geo. F. Ivey, P. A. Setzer, W. C. Thompson and Dr. W. H. Nicholson of Hickory are members.

DOMITORY FOR THE LATE DR. WEAVER

ALIENISTS DECLARE WAITE TO BE SANE

Albany, N. Y., May 19.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young New York dentist under sentence to die next week for the murder of his father-in-law, John Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been declared sane by a commission of alienists appointed by Governor Whitman. The alienists found that Doctor Waite was sane both at the time the crime was committed in March, 1916 and on May 14, 1917, when the examination was made. The result of the report means that the death sentence must be carried out unless legal steps intervene or Governor Whitman exercises Executive clemency.

Besides confessing that he poisoned his father-in-law, Waite also admitted he had poisoned his mother-in-law, Mrs. Peck, and contemplated killing his wife in order that he might obtain her share of the Peck estate.

TO PLACE GUARD SHERIFFS GIVEN RUSSIA DESIRES RUSSIA TO COME BACK WITH RENEWED ENERGY

IN FULL WAR STRENGTH

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, May 19.—Officials here of the North Carolina national guard today expected the matter of recruiting the guard to full war strength to be taken up with Governor Bickett in the next few days. It was said he would issue a proclamation in a few days calling for volunteers. Between 5,000 and 6,000 men will be needed.

ORDERS BY NO SEPARATE PEACE

By the Associated Press. Petrograd, via London, May 19.—The provisional government declared today it was united in the rejection of a separate peace and that it adopts as its aim a general peace which will not end in the domination over other nations—a peace without annexation or indemnities.

The statement declares that Russia will not suffer Germany to destroy Germany's western allies.

DAY'S PROGRAM OF BAPTIST CONVENTION

By the Associated Press. New Orleans, May 19.—The Southern Baptist convention today decided to establish a training school for home and foreign missions. It is proposed to open the school next fall.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES DETERMINATION TO PROSECUTE WAR AGAINST GERMANY--TEUTON COUNTER ATTACKS REPELLED BY FRENCH--ITALIANS MAKE PROGRESS.

LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT FOR RECITAL

The expression recital at Lenoir College last evening was greeted by a large audience which applauded every number of the interesting program generously. The program was designed to demonstrate the work done in the voice and expression departments of the college. While all of the numbers were applauded enthusiastically, the hit of the evening, undoubtedly was the work of Miss Dara Walter, especially in her humorous "I've got the mumps." Miss Walter is at her best in pieces of this variety, and her portrayal of the joys and sorrows brought about by this dire disease brought down the house.

The program follows:

1. Piano—"Impromptu", Reinhold, Maude Abernethy.
2. Sketch—"The Other Woman", Ellis Kingsley, Characters: Silver Graham, Pearle Powlas, Enid Vivian, Wara Walter.
3. Duet—"Flom Flower to Flower", C. Koelling, Sadie Burns, Margaret Wannemacher.
4. (a) "Peace Pies," (b) "Counting the Family," Edith Miller.
5. Duet—"Beautiful Moonlight," F. Glover, Mary Huffman, Margaret Wannemacher.
6. (a) "His Buttons are Marked U. S.," Carrie Jacobs Bond. (2) "I've Got the Mumps," Irene Franklin, Dara Walter.
7. Reading—"Laddie," Pearle Powlas.
8. Reading—"Six Love Letters," Anonymous, Nellie Dry.
9. Reading—"Music on the Rappahannock," C. C. Somerville, Dara Walter.
10. Reading—"Down Hill Road," Anonymous, Edith Miller.
11. Piano—"Dancing Doll" Poldini, Kathryn Hardin.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium, the second of the commencement entertainments of Lenoir College will occur. This is the annual concert rendered by the music students of the college, assisted by several local soloists. The program includes two chorus numbers, a ladies' chorus, a male chorus, several instrumental numbers, and a few vocal solos. A very entertaining evening is promised all who attend.

The program on Sunday includes the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at 11 o'clock, and the address before the Luther League at 8. Both of these services will be held in the college auditorium, which provides ample seating capacity. The friends of the college are cordially invited to attend both of these services.

RED CROSS WORK REVIEWED BY LADIES

The following is the report submitted by the membership committee to the Red Cross meeting Thursday night:

We the membership committee of the Hickory auxiliary of the American Red Cross, held a membership campaign beginning Thursday the 10th instant and closing Monday at six p. m. Our intention was to bring the membership from 164 up to 250, which would have been an increase of 86 members. We are greatly pleased to report that we more than doubled this number, having secured 215 new members. This gives us a total membership of 383.

To conduct this campaign required a small amount of money for advertising materials; we raised the money by each member of this committee and Mrs. W. B. Council contributing fifty cents each. Mr. E. C. Menzies kindly offered to finance us, but we were fortunate enough to get by without calling on him.

The Red Cross members who assisted in securing these new members were:

Misses Virginia Sellers, Constance Bost, Louise Jones, Kate Elliott, Amy Sellers, Mrs. C. M. Sherrill, Mrs. E. L. Shuford and others.

Owing to the fact that nearly every business firm in town, as well as some of our professional men, gave us advertising space, and with the hearty cooperation of Messrs. Farabee and Miller we were enabled to put out a Red Cross edition of the Hickory Daily Record on the tenth of May.

We are deeply grateful for the support and valuable assistance rendered us by Drs. Menzies, Shuford and Blackburn, Capt. Lyerly, several members of Company A, Mr. Applegate, a number of Boy Scouts, Miss Steley's art class, Southern Public Utilities Co., Mr. A. M. West and others.

We are also grateful to fifteen of the leading firms who donated as many pretty prizes which were to be given Red Cross members who secured the greatest number of new members. Through the kindness of the Van Dyke Shop these prizes were displayed in their window.

Men who are willing to give their lives for the defense of their country deserve to find the people prepared to care for the sick and wounded.

We trust in the near future more will turn "intention into action" and join.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. M. Whitfield, chairman, Mrs. H. C. Lutz, Mrs. F. A. Henson, Mrs. T. A. Mott, Mrs. R. A. Grimes, Rev. E. F. deHeald, Mr. Richard Little.

DURANT CHOSEN NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

By the Associated Press. Birmingham, May 19.—Durant, Oklahoma, was selected by an overwhelming majority here today as the next meeting place of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church in the United States. New Orleans was the only other competitor.

WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT DEAD

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—Mrs. Belva W. Lockwood, the first woman admitted to practice before the supreme court, a pioneer in the suffrage movement and the only woman who was ever candidate for president of the United States, died here today at the age of 86 years.

NICARAUGUA FOLLOWS OTHER SMALL LANDS

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—Nicaragua, following the lead of Guatemala and Honduras, has severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

Mrs. S. L. Whitener and children, James and LeRoy, Miss Bessie Cline and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilfong went to Marion today to spend a few days with Mrs. J. M. Tate, sister of Mrs. Whitener.

NO PREACHING SUNDAY AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

There will be no preaching at St. Paul's Lutheran church tomorrow, Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock.

Misses Mary and Lillian Miller arrived in the city last night to attend the commencement exercises at Lenoir College.

Niss Mazie Schmid of Catawba College was a visitor in the city today.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

By the Associated Press. Chicago, May 19.—The cotton market showed renewed strength and activity early today. The opening was quiet. After selling at 2.30 on the call, July soon advanced to 20.60 and October to 20.05 to 20.35 before the end of the first hour.

	Open	Close
May	20.35	20.64
July	20.32	20.73
October	20.05	20.55
December	20.24	20.63
January	20.25	20.66

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	20 1-2
Wheat	\$2.80

CHICAGO WHEAT

By the Associated Press. Chicago, May 19.—Heaviness in wheat resulted today from reports that representatives of entente nations had agreed to liquidate their options on grain and cooperate with the United States in pooling their appropriations. Opening prices with July at 2.23 and September at 2.05 were followed by changes that made the setback general.

BALFOUR IS HONORED IN RICHMOND TODAY

By the Associated Press. Richmond, May 19.—British Foreign Secretary Balfour and the other members of the British mission were visitors to Richmond today.

The old Confederate capital turned out with true southern hospitality to do honor to the distinguished guests who paid a visit of courtesy to the south.

COLONEL THORNTON'S POWER CO. LEAVES

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, May 19.—Application for amendment to charter increasing its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$4,000,000 and removing its headquarters from Hickory to Charlotte was filed by the Western Carolina Power Company today.

Although not generally known in Hickory, the Western Carolina Power Company is a corporation organized several years ago by Col. M. E. Thornton, well known man of letters and former president of the electric light company in this city.

WARMER WEATHER AGAIN NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—Temperature averaging near or above the seasonal normal is forecast for the southeastern states during the week beginning tomorrow. Local thunder showers at frequent intervals are probable.

MR. COMSTOCK DEAD

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—Representative William D. Comstock of Indiana died here early this morning of pneumonia. He was 77 years old and one of the few remaining veterans of the civil war serving in congress.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK, EIGHT ARE DEAD

By the Associated Press. London, May 19.—The British steamship Highland Corrie has been sunk without warning by a German submarine.

Five members of the crew and three passengers were killed by the explosion.

ATLANTA TO PULL OFF CELEBRATION

By the Associated Press. Atlanta, May 19.—What its sponsors planned to be the greatest patriotic demonstration in the city's history was to mark the erection of a flag here to welcome Major General Leonard Wood at Fort McPherson today.

Conspicuous in the parade will be the 500 students of the Georgia School of Technology, who voted yesterday to stay in Atlanta to meet the general rather than go to Athens for the annual ball game with Georgia.

ENGINEER IS KILLED IN L. & N. WRECK

By the Associated Press. Birmingham, May 19.—The Louisville and Nashville's Cincinnati and New Orleans limited southbound was wrecked north of Decatur early today. Engineer Douglas was killed and the fireman was reported seriously hurt. None of the passengers were injured.

REGIMENT OF MARINES ALSO TO ACCOMPANY PERSHING ARMY TO FRENCH FRONT

By the Associated Press. Washington, May 19.—A regiment of marines composed of veterans in active service in Haiti, Santo Domingo and Cuba will accompany the army division to be sent to France under Major General Pershing.

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Secretary Daniels in making the announcement today said the marine regiment would have a strength of 2,626 men. It will be armed and equipped in the same way as the Pershing force. The men will be brought home from the tropics immediately.

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BACCALAUREATE AT CATAWBA SUNDAY

Newton, May 19.—The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in Catawba College auditorium at 8 p. m. tomorrow by Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed church of Greensboro. Dr. Wolfinger is an up-to-date preacher, being the first to organize a Junior congregation in the Reformed church in the south. The public will do well to hear him.

The orator's medal given by Prof. G. C. Warlick in honor of his father and mother and taking the place of the Dr. Clapp medal was won last night in a close contest with six speakers by Felix Peck of Gold Hill, N. C.

GERMANS SEIZE NORWEGIAN STEAMER

By the Associated Press. Christiania, via London, May 19.—The Norwegian steamer Thorium has been seized by a German submarine inside the four mile limit. This act has caused a serious complication.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Sunday, moderate south west to south winds.