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UNITED STATES REGULARS TO SUPPRESS DRAFT RESISTERS IN VARIOUS STATES

GOVERNMENT IS READY TO RUN DOWN RESISTERS

War Department and Department of Justice Ready to Grind--Disturbance Reported in North Carolina--Oklahoma Sheriffs Seeking Out Gangs.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 4.—Persons resisting the draft law, department of justice officials announced today, whether in Oklahoma or elsewhere, will be sought out and run down by the proper authorities.

Prosecutor Marshal Crowder and Assistant Attorney General Fitts in charge of the enforcement of the draft law conferred at length today as to steps to be taken to check anti-draft agitators in North Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma.

Secretary Baker or General Crowder probably will issue a statement of the situation later today. A general intelligence of disorders in North Carolina was received by Mr. Fitts today in a telegram from Governor Bickett who advised that trouble might be expected in two counties of that state. The governor did not name them.

General Crowder had been in telegraphic communication with Governor Bickett today as that transmit. In the department of justice and has placed before the governor his plans of certain phases of the law to check agitation.

General Crowder said he had received no official reports within the past 12 hours from Oklahoma. He was not worried, he said, with the situation in either Oklahoma or the other states.

Indications were that the war department was ready to give prompt and effective aid to the department of justice in quelling disorders. The first clash between the resistors and the authorities was reported to have occurred near Ada last night, but a report from there received today indicated that the officers had encountered no resistance and that but one man had been sighted. It was said about 40 men.

BUCKETT TO MAKE STATEMENT

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Governor Bickett today refused to discuss resistance to the draft in North Carolina other than to say he did not anticipate serious trouble. He was preparing a statement to be issued tonight.

As regards the report that trouble might be expected in two townships of one county, the governor did not know the names of the townships.

AFTER OKLAHOMA GANGS

By the Associated Press. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 4.—At dawn today an organized effort was begun by four sheriffs and hundreds of men to search out in the rough and timbered sections of their counties the various resistors openly and in force defying the selective draft.

The exact number of the half dozen or so number of resistors has not been revealed, but it is known that the disorder has spread through four counties and that one band numbered at least 30 men. One other band is said to number 400 men.

The posts of the rioters is said to be "This is a rich man's war. Let us fight in the death at home rather than in Europe."

RALEIGH MEN ALL PRESENT AN EXCUSE

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Fifty per cent of the men examined today for military service by the local exemption commission failed to pass the physical examination and practically all those examined up to 1 o'clock this afternoon put in claims for exemption.

NORMAL TEMPERATURES PROMISED NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 4.—Temperatures in the south Atlantic and east gulf states will average near or some what above the seasonable normal next week the weather bureau announced today.

DR. RANKIN TALKS ON CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, Friday night delivered an address before a small but appreciative audience in the First Baptist church on the "Spread and Control of Contagious Diseases." He explained at the outset that God gave man dominion over all nature and that it was our duty to exercise this dominion in a way for the physical welfare of all.

There are 140 cases of preventable diseases each year in Hickory, Dr. Rankin said, and there are 14 deaths. They are distributed evenly over the 12-month period, so that our attention is not directed to them. If these 14 deaths all occurred in one church on the same day and if all the funerals were held at the same time, the public would be deeply impressed. It would be better for Hickory if that were the case. But the consequences are just as regrettable. The list of deaths can be reduced to five a year.

Of the preventable diseases he mentioned measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and diphtheria as the most common; the others are so infrequent that they demand little attention in Hickory. Right here he told how important it is to have inspection of the milk supply. The dairyman, he said, might have a child sick with scarlet fever and the customers would contract it. An epidemic of scarlet fever is accompanied by an epidemic of sore throat. The greatest danger is from what Dr. Rankin called the typical case, where a child has such a mild attack that its parents do not know it is ill. This typical case, however, can spread infection, because people are unaware of it. In a severe case the patient is quarantined.

To the south on the Arras battle front the British have renewed their grip on the old line, completing their capture of the positions the Germans took from them on Infantry Hill and Monchy Le Preux.

Mr. George Hall brought to the Record office today a tomato that weighed exactly 2 1/2 pounds and, although it was not much on looks, it was well fortified with meat. It is up to somebody else to beat that tomato.

TO HOLD INSTITUTES IN COUNTY THIS MONTH

The farmers' institutes for Catawba county this year will be held at Terrell on August 10 and at Dr. Foard's store on August 11. The entire day will be given over to institute work at each place, a big basket picnic being served on the grounds each day.

Dr. G. A. Roberts will conduct these institutes. He will be accompanied by other agricultural experts and leaders and valuable and helpful institutes are assured.

At the same time and places, there will be held a woman's institute under the direction of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state agent of home demonstration work, at which there will be discussions pertaining to food conservation, household economics, home conveniences, health and other topics of vital interest to farm women.

The farmers' institutes in North Carolina during the last decade and a half have been a tremendous factor in the development of all branches of agriculture. The institutes paved the way for the farm demonstration work, which is probably the greatest factor in progressive agriculture in North Carolina today. The work of the farm demonstration agent, however, does not take the place of the institutes. These have a distinct place and afford the farmers of the state an opportunity to get first hand information from the best agricultural experts available which whom they are privileged and requested to discuss the every day practical problems of farming.

ACCUSED OF TREASON

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Charged with high treason, for making affidavit that his sympathies in the war were with Germany and that he would take up arms with Germany, William Herman Arndt, 24 years old, a pharmacist was arrested at Near, near here. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner, Edwin C. Smith here and held under \$5,000 bail for hearing August 8.

Arndt is American born and the son of the Rev. William Arndt, minister of the German Lutheran church in Webster. The affidavit was made by Arndt in claiming exemption from the draft.

LARGE STEAMER IS AGROUND TODAY

By the Associated Press. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 4.—A large steamship ran ashore in a dense fog this morning. This is the second large steamer to ground within a week of the coast. The name of the vessel was not made public.

FINE HEALTH EXHIBIT AT CATAWBA FAIR

The Catawba County Fair Association was assured today by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, that the fine health exhibit prepared by the board would be placed on display here during the exhibition in September and reservation will be made for it. The exhibit, which is in the form of a village, will be lighted by electricity and will show the interior of insanitary homes and the results that inevitably follow. Accompanying the exhibit will be a demonstrator and plenty of literature for distribution.

ALLIES SUCCEED IN GAINING GROUND

By the Associated Press. While there has been no renewal of the smashing offensive on a large scale inaugurated by the Anglo-French forces in Flanders on Tuesday, the incessant pressure on the German line is beginning to tell in the further yielding of ground.

The British yesterday reestablished themselves in the village of St. Julian, which they lost in the initial dash. Last night the French moved ahead in their sector making further progress in the direction of Cabaret.

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BRIDGES BURNED IN OKLAHOMA LAST NIGHT

By the Associated Press. Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 4.—W. G. Humphrey, general superintendent of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, received word this morning that the road's bridge near Calvin, 80 miles west of Muskogee, was burned last night. Details are lacking.

TWO MORE BURNED

By the Associated Press. Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 4.—The Katy bridge over Salt Creek between Konowa and Maud also were burned out last night, reports received here today said. It is said the same group of agitators who burned the other bridge are responsible. The points are less than 20 miles apart. Heavy armed guards are guarding the big Katy bridge over the river.

Draft resistors burned the bridge across the Canadian river near here last night, according to a report received here today.

POSSE FIRES SHOTS AT OKLAHOMA SHIRKERS

By the Associated Press. Ardmore, Okla., Aug. 4.—A posse guarding highway near Stonewall in Pontotoc county exchanged about 40 shots with a band of alleged draft resistors early today, according to reports. None was injured. Oklahoma national cavalry has been ordered from Wevoku for the troubled district this morning.

RUSSIANS FIGHT AUSTRIANS AGAIN

By the Associated Press. Petrograd, Aug. 4.—North of Husiatyn on the Russo-Galician frontier the Austro-German rear guards yesterday were driven from their positions on the eastern bank of the river, says the official statement issued by the war office today.

Forty-three prisoners were taken and seven machine guns were taken. Between the river Dniester and Pruth and in the Carpathians the Russian troops still are retiring to the eastward.

MISS KELLY TAKES OFFICE

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Miss Elizabeth Kelly of Macon county, former superintendent of school work in Johnston county, today assumed her duties as superintendent of education for the illiterate.

AUSTRIANS REPULSED BY ITALIANS AGAIN

By the Associated Press. Rome, Aug. 4.—An important offensive action was taken up by the Austro-Hungarians on Friday night against the Italian positions west of Ronbon, it was announced officially today by the Italian war office. All the Austrian attacks were repulsed.

Italian air squadrons last night again bombed the Austrian arsenal at Polo, the statement adds, and created considerable damage.

WEATHER

For North Carolina. Generally fair tonight and Sunday; light southeast to north winds.

MINERS CAUGHT IN KENTUCKY MINE

By the Associated Press. Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 4.—Reports reaching here several hours after a gas explosion in Mine No. 7 of the West Kentucky Coal Company at Clay said that 30 miners, all negroes, had been rescued.

TO APPEAR MONDAY TO BE EXAMINED

The Catawba exemption board was making preparation at evton today for the examination Monday of the first group of 68 men summoned under the draft act to appear there for examination. The men will report at 8 o'clock.

On Tuesday the second group of 68 men will appear and these will be followed by the third group on Wednesday.

The names of the men summoned have been published in the Record and those selected for the new national army will be published in this paper as soon as their names are available.

ALL MERCHANT SHIPS ARE TAKEN

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 4.—The emergency fleet corporation today requisitioned all merchant vessels of more than 2,500 tons now building in American ship yards. Double and triple labor shifts will be employed to speed up construction.

No announcement was made as to the amount of tonnage taken over, but the shipping boards show that about 700 vessels of nearly 2,000,000 tons of all classes are building.

As fast as the yards are cleared of their present construction, they will be put to work on the great fleet the government is to build.

TO ORGANIZE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Hickory high school athletic association will meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday night for the purpose of finishing the organization for the coming school year. Next year's prospects will be discussed and new members enrolled. Every high school boy is urged to be present at this important meeting. Program will be announced in another issue of the Record. Remember the day.

HALF BREEDS LEAD IN OKLAHOMA ORGY

By the Associated Press. Oklahoma City, Aug. 4.—Indulging in a dream of revolution and resisting the draft law, at least half a dozen bands of tenant farmers, half breeds and negroes are running rampant in Oklahoma today.

As the disturbed territory is about 100 miles long by 90 miles wide, the topography of which is rugged, only an estimate can be made of the total number of rioters, most of whom are bent resisting the draft law. Reports place the number of resisters from 500 to 1,500.

Authorities, following clashes last night, declared that the situation was well in hand and that the strength of the movement was broken. Numerous forces are converging on the disturbers, and news from there was awaited today.

MILES O. SHERRILL LIBRARIAN RESIGNS

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Miles O. Sherrill of Catawba county resigned today as state librarian, it was announced. The registration will take effect September 1.

FEDERAL TROOPS READY TO HUNT DOWN LAWLESS

German Sympathizers will be Handled Relentlessly if They Continue Their Treason Against Country--Give Civil Authorities Chance to Stop Disorders.

REDUCE NUMBER EXEMPTIONS FOR ARMY

Washington, Aug. 4.—A ruling by the postoffice department shows that department officials will make few requests for the exemption of postal employees from military service. Postmasters are instructed not to ask for exemption for carriers or laborers or for clerks in second class offices below the \$1,000 grade, clerks in first class offices below the \$1,100 grade, or any above these grades unless they are qualified distributors of mail.

The ruling is the first formal action by an executive department in compliance with President Wilson's order directing that department officials indicate exemptions and that the requirement of indispensability be rigidly enforced. As generally construed, the postal ruling shows the purpose of the administration to make the government department's leaders in freeing valuable employees for war service.

The entire mail carrier force, numbering thousands of men, of whom a considerable percentage are within the draft age limits, is excluded from exemption unless for physical reasons or because they have dependent families. Every portion of the country is reached by this ruling, as even the rural carriers are included.

The department's ruling in regard to clerks leaves railway mail clerks within the exemption class, as they are highly specialized distributors.

Provost Marshal General Crowder took steps to reduce the number of exemptions because of dependent families. Instructions were sent to the governors of all states pointing out that the minimum pay of soldiers is now \$30 a month and that local boards must consider whether a man's dependents could be supported on that amount. The telegram follows:

"Please call attention of local boards to the fact that a soldier's pay is not less than thirty dollars a month and that all clothing, subsistence, medical treatment and housing are furnished him. Under the law he may allot any portion of his pay to a dependent. Many soldiers receiving thirty dollars a month are easily able to allot twenty-five dollars monthly to the support of dependents. In case of death in line of duty, the government will pay to the beneficiary designated by the soldier six months' pay."

"Section 4 of the selective service act provides that those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support renders their exclusion from discharge advisable. It may be discharged, but it does not require that they shall be discharged in all such cases. The discretion of local boards is invoked by this provision and such boards may well take the facts recited above into consideration in deciding claims for discharge due to dependency with a view to determining whether as a matter of fact, the person claiming such discharge will not be in as good or better position to support his dependents after selection for military service than he was before. If such is the case, of course, the discharge should not be granted."

Government officials generally are beginning to take up the individual questions that arise where government employees are called for service. Secretary Daniels said that knotty problems were arising in the navy department as to what individuals in the clerical force, navy draughtsmen or skilled workers at the navy yards are absolutely indispensable.

The number of exemptions asked by the various departments will be reduced to the absolute minimum, it is indicated, even if some temporary derangement of the clerical work results. General Crowder has suggested to the governors that each assemble the full membership of all district boards in his state for a general conference to insure uniform proceedings regarding appeals. The governors were asked also to appoint an official in each local district to file appeals. County attorneys were suggested.

The mercury registered 66 degrees during the night, which was cool enough to cause one to pull the covers over him before the peep of day. The highest yesterday was 89. Today was warm, but the air is dry and the heat was not oppressive.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 4.—Federal troops may be sent into Oklahoma and other states to quell anti-draft demonstrations which recently have broken out.

Department of justice officials investigating disorders in the south and elsewhere announced that all persons resisting the draft law would be hunted down and brought to justice, no matter at what cost.

The possibility of sending federal troops into sections where anti-draft agitators were busy was discussed today by war department of justice officials.

It is probable that a decision will be reached in this respect within the next 24 hours. Officials here think it hardly likely, however, that troops will be sent into any state until the civil authorities find it impossible to cope with the situation.

The intention to deal quickly and effectively with all persons who are resisting the draft has been decided upon.

The alleged activities of Thomas S. Watson of Thompson, Ga., are under close scrutiny of the department of justice, whose officials are seeking to determine whether they can bring proceedings against him because of recent statements urging resistance to the draft in his magazine.

Copies of the magazine brought to the attention of the attorney general mention contributions from numerous small towns in North Carolina to be devoted to testing the constitutionality of the draft act.

The subscriptions in a recent number of the publication totaled \$1,000.

SPECIAL SERMON SUNDAY TO MILITARY COMPANY

Rev. A. L. Stanford will preach a special sermon tomorrow morning at the Methodist church before the local military company, which will attend in a body and occupy reserved seats. The Sunday school room will be thrown open and the public is cordially invited.

ENGLISH SEAMEN DROWNED BY GERMANS

A British Port, Aug. 4.—Thirty-eight members of the crew of the British steamship Belgian Prince were drowned deliberately by the German submarine which sank her, according to the account given by survivors. The chief engineer, who many times after the steamer was torpedoed was seriously near drowning, gave the following narrative of his experiences:

"About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening when we were two hundred miles off land, I saw the wake of an approaching torpedo. The vessel gave a lurch as she was hit and I was thrown to the deck among the debris. The vessel listed heavily and all of us took to the boats."

"The submarine approached and shelled the vessel and then ordered the small boats alongside the submarine. The skipper was summoned and taken inside. The others were mustered on the deck of the submarine."

"The Germans removed the life belts and the outer clothing of all except eight of us, smashed the lifeboats with axes, and then re-entered the submarine and closed the hatches, leaving us on deck. The submarine went about two miles and then submerged.