

Tarheel Troops and Others to the Border on Hurry-up Order

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 12.—The War Department today issued a general order for all militiamen remaining in their home states to proceed immediately to the border as soon as the necessary transportation can be secured.

The object of the order is believed to be the assembling of the entire National Guard army of nearly 150,000 men for maneuvers by divisions and smaller units.

Among the troops affected is the First North Carolina brigade, more than 3,000 strong, originally scheduled to move to Texas in about three weeks.

THOUGHT UNIVERSAL TRAINING MAY COME FROM ARMY TROUBLE

Criticism of Conditions On Border and Placing of Responsibility for Defense On a Few May Bring It

(By the United Press)
Washington, Aug. 12.—Unless politicians thwart it, universal military training will arise from the border situation, in the opinion of many men. The present system is only 30 to 40 per cent. efficient, it is believed. There is no reflection on the spirit of the men, but the system is faulty, it is said, and places an unfair burden on a few.

Secretary of War Baker believes in the "universal obligation."

THE ANNUAL DINNER AT K. E. SUTTON'S

Mr. Kirby E. Sutton, the well known Bucklesberry planter, Friday tendered his annual dinner to his tenants, employes and scores of friends. About 200 persons are estimated to have been present. A number of young pigs were barbecued for the feast. The culinary genius in charge of the barbecuing almost established a record. The enticing spread on the tables and the delectable odor created marvellous appetites, but still there was more than enough to feed the multitude. Practically every township in the county was represented. Present from Kinston were Messrs. Thos. Harvey, D. Wood, A. W. Taylor, Paul Hodges, and possibly others. Friends of the clever host from other parts of the State, and other States also were his guests. Mr. Sutton's Bucklesberry plantation is nearly big enough for a principality, and certainly he is monarch of all he surveys in a sense, for there are few men anywhere so popular with their neighbors and his pay tribute in affection. He is said to have enslaved his labor with kindness. The Sutton farm is a rather remarkable institution—for size, fertility, profit and other things.

NO REDUCTION OF THE INCOME TAX EXEMPTNS

Washington, Aug. 11.—Yielding to a flood of protests from the country and from Senate and House members of their own party, Democrats of the Senate Finance Committee reconsidered today their decision to lower the exemption in the income tax law from \$4,000 and \$3,000 for married and single persons to \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively, but voted to make the rate of tax on the lowest taxable class of incomes 2 per cent. instead of 1 per cent. instead of 1 per cent. The amendment increasing the sur-tax on incomes exceeding \$2,000,000 from 10 to 15 per cent. is retained, and there is a probability that further increases in the sur-taxes will be made in caucus.

MORE PROOF IS HAD OF THE INNOCENCE OF CHAS. STICLOW

Clarence O'Connell, Confederate of Irving King, Bears Out Latter's Confession Saying German From Death

(By the United Press)
Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Further proof of the innocence of Charles Sticlow, the sub-normal German who would three times have gone through Sing Sing's "little green door" to death had not eleventh-hour reprieve saved him, was adduced today when Clarence O'Connell substantiated the confession of Irving King, the peddler, who owned the murders for which Sticlow was convicted. O'Connell admitted he was with King when the murder occurred, but denied he shot first, as King claimed.

S. C. FLOOD DAMAGE OVER FOUR MILLIONS

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 11.—Flood damage to railroads, bridges, roads, crops and other property throughout the Santee and Pee Dee river systems, is conservatively estimated at \$4,500,000, according to a statement given out here today by Richard H. Sullivan, section director of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Columbia.

SOUTH CAROLINA TAKES STEP AGAINST PARALYSIS

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 11.—Under an order of the State Board of Health made public here today children under sixteen years of age are prohibited from traveling on railroads without a health certificate from a "reputable physician."

CROWDS GATHER TO SEE IF RACERS FALL FROM PIKE'S PEAK'S PINNACLE

(By United Press)
Colorado Springs, Aug. 12.—"Pike's Peak or bust," is the slogan of the large field of starters in this afternoon's free-for-all climb-up the new scenic highway to the summit of the country's most famous mountain. A big crowd was on hand to see if any of the racing cars got smashed and the chances of some of the dare-devil drivers catapulting off precipices was not the least attraction. The boulevard to the summit is 15 miles long, with easy grades, and from 20 to 50 feet wide. A handsome silver trophy donated by Spencer Penrose of this city and \$3,000 in cash prizes have been put up for this event. Some of the entries have been here for weeks tuning up for the climb.

NINETY-TWO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN W. VA. DISASTER

(By the United Press)
Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Ninety-two are known to have perished in the recent floods, says an official report to Governor Hatfield.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
GERMAN ATTACKS HURLED BACK.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Heavy German attacks on both sides of the Somme were repulsed last night, it is said, officially.

AUSTRALIANS IN WEST LOSE HEAVILY.

London, Aug. 12.—Reports of an attack on Pozieres positions held by Australians say the Teutons lost heavily.

'BIG BEN' NEWMAN, MILLIONAIRE TRAMP, DYING AT MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, Aug. 12.—William Newman, "the millionaire tramp," is dying in the National Soldiers' Home here. A few years ago he was one of the most widely known and most romantic figures in American trampdom.

"Big Ben," as he was called, was born in Denmark and graduated from the University of Copenhagen. He came to the United States when 18 and traveled about the country, making his expenses by lecturing on reform ideas.

He lectured on child labor, prison reform and abolition of white slavery. In 1913 he was instrumental in having 250 children removed from sweatshops in Joliet, Ill. For three years he was the companion of Jack London.

"I have done my best to make the world see its evils and to correct them," said Newman. "I have fought the good fight and I am near the end of my race. I can't win against the white plague."

Big Ben's life is going out very rapidly. It is believed he can survive only a few weeks. One of the most romantic character stories in American life will be written to its end when he dies.

BOYS GATHERING AT PLUM ISLAND FOR TRAINING

Plum Island, N. Y., Aug. 12.—1200 school boys from all over the United States pitched camp here today to learn how to be soldiers so they can help Uncle Sam in case of trouble when they grow up.

None of the boys is less than fifteen nor more than 18 years old. They are gathered for the combined scholarship of more than 200 boys' schools are under the immediate direction of Colonel Andrew Hero of the Coast Artillery.

AUSTRIA IS ABOUT READY TO TAKE THE COUNT, IT'S THOUGHT

Hard-Pressed on Both Fronts, Teutons Are Badly Demoralized

SLAVS' ADVANCE RAPID

Have Covered 20 Miles In Four Days In Face of Resistance and Over Bad Highways—Halitz New Objective

(By EDWARD L. KEEN, United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Aug. 12.—The advance guard of the Russian force that occupied Stanislaw has pressed on to a point two miles northeast of the city, crossing the river Bistrizza, 18 miles south of Halitz. The Teuton resistance is weak. They are retreating to Halitz, two Russian forces are converging on Halitz, General Letchitsky's immediate objective in his drive on Lemberg.

Dispatches indicate that the Russian drive has not even slowed up. It is the most rapid advance of the war since the Teutons' Balkan campaign. In four days the Slavs have progressed twenty miles over bad roads, crossing three rivers and capturing twenty towns.

Advices from both Petrograd and Rome suggest that the Austrian demoralization may be even greater than suspected.

Italians Extending Activities
Rome, Aug. 27.—The battle along the Isonzo has spread to the region of Plava, north of Goritz, while a third of the army continues to sweep the Austrians from the river's bend south of the city. In revenge for the Goritz defeat Austrian aeroplanes are raiding Venice, Grado and other cities, with material damage.

GOING ON IN OTHER EAST CAROLINA TOWNS

Railroad men say there is a fortune for J. T. Mallard, master mechanic at the Norfolk Southern's New Bern shops, in an invention he has perfected. The device is a hub liner which takes up all lateral motion in the driving wheels of a locomotive, relieving engineers of care on that account, according to the New Bern Sun-Journal.

A Greenville policeman took sixty-nine half-pints of whisky dropped by two negroes who alighted from an excursion train there. They dropped their property in order to save themselves by flight.

New Bern was to get rid of more than a score of its canine population today. Impounded dogs on which the taxes had not been paid were to be drowned.

ONE DOLLAR ADDED TO FLOOD FUND IN KINSTON

One dollar was added to the Kinston contribution to the Flood Sufferers' Fund in the past twenty-four hours. The fund in the State increased slightly, now being \$26,600. Local contributions have been: Previously reported \$771.14 T. D. Wilson, LaGrange 1.00 Grand total to date \$772.14

ENGLAND DENIES APPROPRIATING AMERICAN TRADE

Washington, Aug. 12.—England "indignantly denies" that she has diverted to her own use, cabled Russian business orders intended for United States firms, as charged by Chicago and other American concerns.

The loss in Russian trade to America was one hundred million dollars in eight months, the business men claimed, through British "interference" with cable orders.

THOUSANDS SCHOOL GIRLS LURED FROM HOMES, CONFESSION

Yuse Botwin's Agents Carried On Wholesale Business, He Admits

FICKLENESS WAS FATAL

To Young Seekers of Bright Lights and Romance—Leering Fops and Fascinated Victims In Butterfly Nets

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 12.—Using well-dressed young men as his agents, Yuse Botwin, confessed "King of the New York white slave trust," lured three thousand school girls from their homes into dens of vice in ten years. Many of the victims were only sixteen years of age, generally from families too poor to provide them clothes and entertainment.

Agents of Botwin loitered around schools and flirted with the girls. Then came gifts of candy, automobile rides and finally a trip to a Broadway restaurant, winding up at a night hotel. The girls were induced to write notes to their mothers saying they had eloped. Then they were taken to a nearby city for a few weeks, but brought back to New York and placed in disorderly houses.

Sensational revelations are expected in an investigation.

JUDGE ALLEN WOULD HAVE HOME GUARDS

Judge O. H. Allen proposes the organization of a home guard company for Kinston, such as has been formed in Goldsboro and in other places. In Connecticut and some other States the movement has been quite extensive, resulting in the formation of entire battalions and regiments.

There are several reasons why Kinston should have such an organization, Judge Allen states, not the least of which is the training and discipline that would be available for young men who would be expected to comprise the bulk of the membership. Now, while there are many collegians at home, they being proper men and having time to start the thing off, is the opportunity for the organization, the Judge thinks.

PUBLISHERS SLOW IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Washington, Aug. 11.—The Federal Trade Commission today announced that its investigation into the price of newspaper paper is being delayed, by failure of newspaper publishers to send in answers to the commission's questions as promptly as it expected.

FAMOUS DOCTOR THOT TO BE POISON VICTIM

Mackinac Island, Mich., Aug. 11.—Dr. John B. Murphy of Chicago, one of the world's most renowned surgeons, died today suddenly at a hotel here while on a summer outing. Dr. Murphy had been in poor health for several months and some had ascribed his condition to the poisoned soup partaken of at the banquet given to Archbishop Mundelein, in Chicago.

FEDERAL BOARD DECLARES MEDIATION IS OUT OF QUESTION, MAKES A SUGGESTION

Brotherhoods' Executive Board Considers Proposition Made In Communication From Judge Knapp—In a Statement Employes Had Declared They Would Accept Nothing But Full Compliance With Demands—Situation Today Graver Than Since Gigantic Strike Was First Threatened—Quarter Thousand Railroads Will Stubbornly Hold Out for Arbitration, It's Believed, Even Risking Walkout of Nearly Half Million Men

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson today advised the railroad employes that before they take drastic action he wishes to consult with them.

New York, Aug. 12.—Mediation has failed in the controversy between the four hundred thousand employes and the managers of the two hundred and twenty-five railroads affected. This was formally announced by Judge Martin Knapp of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, in a communication to the trainmen today.

"In our judgment, after two days' consideration of the difficulties, there is no prospect for a settlement by mediation; therefore, we suggest arbitration," said the communication. Immediately after the announcement, the Executive Board of the Brotherhoods went into executive session to consider the suggestion.

A previous statement by employes stated unequivocally and unanimously that they would not accept arbitration. The admitted failure of mediation, it is believed, has developed the most ominous situation since the demands were first made.

The roads, it is believed, will face a strike rather than abandon their plan of arbitration.

ROCKY MOUNT WOMAN A VICTIM HEART TROUBLE AT MOTHER'S HOME HERE

Mrs. Della Sanders of Rocky Mount, daughter of Mrs. Penelope Rhodes of this city, died at the home of Mrs. Rhodes on Independent street Friday night between 8 and 8:30 o'clock. She expired in a chair on the front porch. Members of the family visiting at a house across the street heard a slight noise at the Rhodes home, and anticipating something out of the usual, hastened back to find Mrs. Sanders dead. She had been afflicted with a dangerous heart trouble for some time, coming here to spend three months in the hope that rest would benefit her. Her disease was regarded as practically incurable and it was realized that her demise would probably be instantaneous.

Mrs. Sanders was 46 years of age and the wife of M. F. Sanders of Rocky Mount, who arrived here today. Besides her mother the following brothers and sisters survive her: Mrs. C. L. Sanders of Rocky Mount, Misses Amanda, Alice and Mattie Rhodes, all of Kinston and the county.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:40. It is expected to be conducted by Rev. E. N. Harrison, pastor of Caswell Street Methodist church. A stepdaughter of Mrs. Sanders will not be able to reach here from her home in Washington, D. C., until late tonight, and for that reason the funeral was not held today.

FATHER OF ALDERMAN WEBB DIES ROXBORO

Mr. William E. Webb, father of Street Commissioner E. V. Webb of this city, died at his home in Roxboro, about 6 p. m., Friday. Mr. Webb was 78 years of age, and had been register of deeds of Person county for about 20 years, it is said. Heart trouble is reported to have been the cause of his demise. Alderman Webb left Friday night for Roxboro.

William E. Webb was a prominent citizen of his part of the State. He was a Confederate veteran, it is thought. Besides the son here he is survived by four other children, three of them in Western Carolina, and one in New York, and his wife. The funeral is expected to be held Sunday.

BRYAN ANSWERS HUGHES IN STATEMENT; STUCK CLOSE TO LAW, SAYS

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 11.—William J. Bryan replied here today to criticism of his attitude toward civil service made by Charles E. Hughes, the Republican presidential nominee, in a statement in which he said he had enforced the civil service law to the letter.

Mr. Bryan challenged the Republican nominee to state whether he had given appointments to "deserving Republicans" while Governor of New York. The statement was made in answer to recent speeches of Mr. Hughes which quoted a letter Mr. Bryan had written to Receiver of Customs Vick at Santo Domingo, inquiring as to what positions could be obtained to "reward deserving Democrats." Mr. Bryan admitted the letter as it had been quoted.

"I am not ashamed of it," the statement read. "The letter was written to an appointive officer whose office was not under the civil service and the inquiry was made in regard to offices which were not under the civil service."

HAS BEEN NO MAN TO DESERT FROM GUARD, SAYS A HIGH OFFICER

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, N. C., Aug. 12.—There has been no desertion from Camp Glenn, according to Col. W. C. Rodman, commanding the Second Infantry, at his home here for a visit. Newspaper stories of "deserters" being caught or sought are inaccurate, he says. Desertion is one thing and overstaying leave of absence without leave quite another, he states. It is a rather grave charge to bring against a man, desertion, and it requires something more than being unaccounted for for two or three days to make him liable, the officer declares. Colonel Rodman thinks the conduct of the troops at Camp Glenn is admirable, and says people who notice an occasional account of the misdeed of some soldier should remember that the percentage of mortality and sobriety in the service is much higher than in civil life.