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OTHER TORNADOES ARE REPORTED WITH LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURIES

Ten Lives Lost in Tornado Which Sweeps Across Southern Illinois Section, Doing Damage and Causing Death—Several Freaks, Train Outran Storm and Saved the Passengers From Hurt—One Trainman Killed as He Stood by Another Road Man at Demolished Station.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, May 31.—Tornadoes in Missouri and Southern Illinois caused the death of at least ten persons and the injury of fifty more according to advices received today from various counties over which the storm passed.

An automatic clock signal at the Iron Mountain railroad near Mineral Point, Mo., put into operation the wind signal which warned a Memphis and St. Louis train which carried near four hundred passengers and they watched the storm destroy the village and then rendered aid to the injured.

A number of freaks were reported. One was the experience of the station agent at Mineral Point who was standing with his arms about the shoulders of Tom L. Masters, a conductor, when the station was destroyed. The agent escaped unharmed and Masters was killed instantly.

A thrilling race with the tornado was won by the engineer on a passenger train near Mineral Point, and this possibly saved the lives of one hundred passengers aboard the train. Witnessing the formation of the funnel shaped tornado cloud the conductor ordered the engineer to put on full steam and outrun the storm. The storm cloud followed the train for more than a mile and then changed its course.

COMMENCEMENT OF EAST SPENCER SCHOOL NOW GOING ON

Two Debating Contests With Sixteen Speakers Tonight—Senior Debate Takes Place Saturday Night—Shopmen Have Not Been Granted Six Cents An Hour.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, May 31.—Tonight two debating contests of the East Spencer school will be held with sixteen speakers. The first contest has for a query, "Resolved that the stage has not a moral tendency." Three speakers have been assigned to the affirmative and an equal number of the negative. The subject of the second contest is "Resolved that capital punishment is a necessary evil." (Continued on Page 6.)

OFFICER LAUDS COAST ARTILLERY

Captain W. H. Peace, U. S. A., Says With One Exception All Companies Full Strength.

OFFICERS WELL VERSED IN TECHNICAL SUBJECTS

Equipment for North Carolina Coast Artillery Boys Already Sent to Encampment.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, May 31.—Too much cannot be said in praise of the Coast Artillery Companies of the National Guard, according to Captain W. H. Peace, United States Army, who has just returned here after a tour of inspection and instruction at various points in the State where units are located.

Captain Peace said that with one exception all of the companies were practically at full war strength, and the one company behind probably had its full quota by this time. The personnel of the various units was excellent, Captain Peace declared, and all officers were up with their studies on technical subjects in connection with the artillery corps.

Heavy equipment to be used by the artillery companies when called to the concentration camps and will be awaiting the men when they arrive, Captain Peace said.

P. O. CLERK'S FATHER DEAD.

Mr. C. D. Bell Receives Word of the Death of W. T. R. Bell in a Richmond Hospital.

Mr. C. D. Bell, a clerk in the Salisbury postoffice today received a message announcing the death of his father, W. T. R. Bell, of Rutherfordton, which occurred in a Richmond hospital this morning at 3 o'clock. The funeral and burial will take place at Rutherfordton Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the son has gone to that place to attend the same.

The deceased was a veteran of the civil war and was for eight or ten years editor of the Rutherfordton Sun.

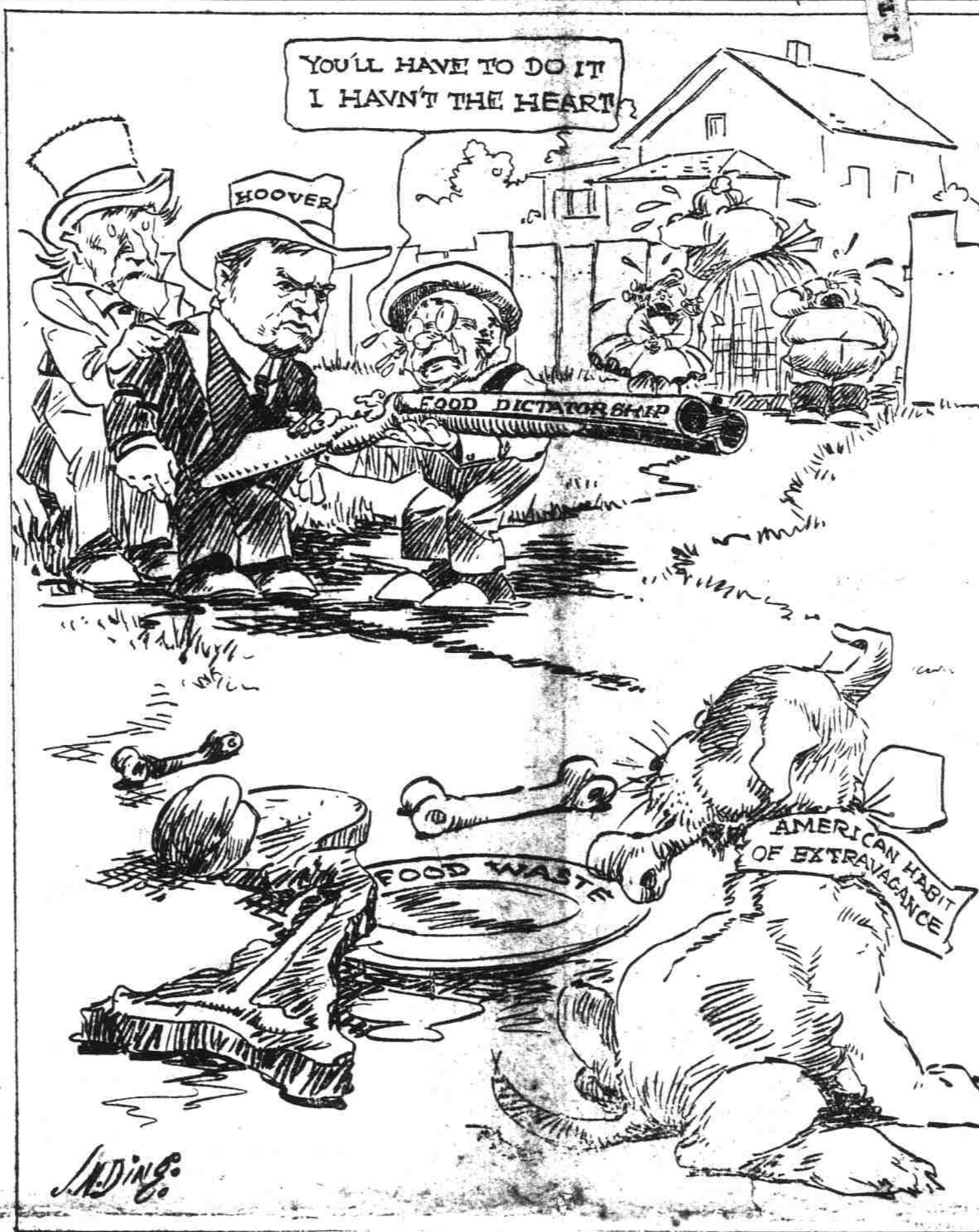
Richmond, Va., May 31.—Capt. W. T. R. Bell, aged 73 years, a Confederate veteran and widely known educator, who formerly conducted a military academy at King's Mountain, N. C., died here this morning at the home of his daughter. His body will be taken to Rutherfordton, N. C., for burial.

A court item in Tuesday's Post referred to the binding over to Superior court of a young man, Earle Swicegood, charged with larceny referred to the defendant as colored. He is a white man.

General Haig, who once was barred from the British army on account of color blindness, can prove by Field Marshal Hindenburg that he can see red all right enough.—Macon Telegraph.

A bald man may have a great head for any kind of business—except that of a barber.

GETTING RID OF THE FAMILY PET



GIGANTIC NATION WIDE PROPAGANDA TO HINDER REGISTRATION IS UNCOVERED

Headquarters Located in Columbus, Ohio, and Plan Appeared to Be well Financed—Stationery and Blanks Seized in a Printing Office—Injunction Sought at Kansas City to Prevent Registration Being Put in Force—Plot Discovered in Florida Among Young Men to Flee to Cuba to Escape Registration and Draft.

(By Associated Press.)

Columbus, Ohio, May 31.—A gigantic propaganda plot with national headquarters in this city, organized to induce men of military age all over the United States to refrain from registering for conscription next Tuesday, June 5th, has been uncovered by State and government secret service agents, according to announcement this afternoon by Governor Cox.

Details of the plot which is said to have extended into many states became known when United States Marshals raided a print shop office where practically all of the propaganda literature was printed and distributed.

It is stated that the plot appeared to be well financed and well organized.

BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE VERY HEAVY

Figures for May Show a Large Increase Over the Inactive Winter Months—More Than a Hundred Thousand Men Lost Lives in Arras Fighting.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 31.—The British casualties as published for the month of May show a total of 5902 officers and 106,331 men.

The British offensive on the Arras front, involving some of the most severe fighting of the war and naturally resulted in large casualties, large increase over the inactive winter months. The February casualties showed total of 124 officers and 17,197 men.

The assertion of the British that their losses are fifty per cent less in the battle of the Arras than the battle of the Somme, notwithstanding larger forces were engaged, is no borne out by the figures for May given out.

It is rather difficult to believe, but the Senate has actually passed another bill. There is much speculation as to whether Congress or the war will finish first.—Savannah News.

STATE SUPREME COURT.

Expected Adjournment of Present Term Held Up on Request of Attorney General Manning.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, May 30.—The expected adjournment of the present term of the State Supreme court has been held up on request of Attorney General Manning for an opinion upon the legal status of the Clark road law and the duties obligatory on the State treasurer and county authorities in relation thereto.

The law was enacted at the recent session of the General Assembly. The court after hearing Mr. Manning's petition recessed until June 9th in order to consider the case in detail.

CENSORSHIP CLAUSE IN ESPIONAGE BILL UP AGAIN

Fate of the Proposal in Doubt—Food Legislation Still Under Consideration and Senate Resumes Debate on the House Bill.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 31.—The contest over the newspaper censorship bill was renewed in the House today with the fate of the proposal in doubt.

The question arose when the House took up for adoption the conference report on the espionage bill containing the newspaper censorship provision. Should the provision be rejected, as is predicted, a separate bill will likely be presented by the administration.

Food legislation is still under consideration in both sides of the capitol today.

In the Senate the debate on the bill, already passed by the House providing for a survey and certain restrictions, was resumed while the House agricultural committee began work of perfecting a bill for the establishment of food administration and price fixing. Both bills are administration measures.

The Senate is expected to pass its bill in the next few days.

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT BEGINNING THIS EVENING

Program of the Ever Interesting Events With the City Schools Graduating Class Issues Invitations and the Commencement Sermon is Set for Sunday—Address by Dr. Williams of Chapel Hill is An Event of Monday.

EXERCISES OF THE SALISBURY NORMAL & INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

Exhibition of Year's Work Will be Made Friday Afternoon for All Departments—Y. W. C. A. Pageant Saturday Afternoon—Public Invited.

On Friday afternoon, June 1, at 5 o'clock at Maxwell Chambers Building the Salisbury Normal and Industrial Institute will give an exhibition of the year's work in its industrial departments.

All the work has been done by the students themselves. Among the sewing department exhibits is an interesting one of dresses, none of which has been permitted to cost more than two dollars.

The manual arts shows student's (Continued on Page 6.)

DESPERATE ATTEMPT PUSH FRENCH BACK

Germans Endeavoring to Get Control of Vantage Ground Won by the French.

INCREASING ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN THE ARRAS

Political Situation in Spain is Being Closely Watched and Guarantee May be Suspended.

(By Associated Press.)

Desperate attempts by the Germans to push back the French from the vantage ground won in the recent attack in the Champagne region has been renewed. As a whole the French line remained intact under successive severe blows dealt early in a sustained effort of extremely violent character. The front was held at only one point but this was slight, the German troops gaining on some advanced trenches northeast of Mont Haut.

Along the British line in France comparative quiet continues, broken into only by trench raids.

Increasing artillery activity from the Arras battlefield, however, is reported, the big guns on both sides starting up again in somewhat of a lively fashion near Bullecourt and further north along the Scarpe east of Arras.

The political situation in Spain is being closely watched, particularly in view of today's newspaper announcement in Madrid that the constitutional guarantee shortly is to be suspended. Former Premier Romanones is quoted as declaring that conditions in the country which is known to be suffering keenly in a general economic way from the war as well as directly from submarine sinking becomes graver every hour. It is considered that the great linking of pro-sympathizers as of enormous importance and as perhaps likely to exercise "greater influence on foreign than home policies."

Further Losses of Norwegian Ships.

London, May 31.—Further losses of Norwegian ships are reported in London news dispatches from Christiansia, which quote the Norwegian foreign minister to the effect that German submarines sank one sailing vessel yesterday and two steamers.

Governor Manning of South Carolina Tuesday purchased 20 liberty bonds of \$50 denomination. That number represents one each for himself, Mrs. Manning, a daughter, seven sons and 10 grandchildren.

It is to be hoped that the Germans, who now are eating crow, will save enough for a big family dinner at Potsdam along early in the fall.—Kansas City Star.

Thirty years is the age at which women will be qualified to vote under the terms of the franchise bill introduced by the Government in the British parliament.

If the average sentry does as good shooting at the front as on the home front line, there'll be no question of the outcome.—Washington Post.

The Senior Class Salisbury High School requests the honor of your presence at its Commencement Exercises Monday evening, June fourth nineteen hundred seventeen at eight o'clock Ellis Street School Auditorium. No Flowers.

The city schools are holding the annual commencement exercises beginning Friday evening at the Vance mill school and the keenest of interest will focus on these exercises from day to day. The program in full follows: Commencement Exercises—Friday, June 1st.

6 p. m.—Vance Mill School House
6:30 p. m.—Chestnut Hill School House—Open air games.
8 p. m.—Ellis Street School Auditorium—Seventh Grade Commencement.

Saturday, June 2nd.
10 a. m.—Ellis Street School Auditorium—Presentation of Certificates of Attendance.

8 p. m.—Ellis Street School Auditorium—High School Debate for Randleman Medal.

Sunday, June 3rd.
Ellis Street School Auditorium—Commencement sermon, Rev. Jno. A. Lesh, Greensboro.

Monday, June 4th.
8:30 p. m.—Ellis Street School Auditorium—Class Day Exercises.
8 p. m.—Ellis Street School Auditorium—Commencement Exercises.

Four Essays.
Address by Dr. D. A. Williams, of Chapel Hill.

Announcements.
SALISBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Seventh Grade Commencement
School Auditorium, 8 p. m.,
June 1, 1917.

Prayer Rev. W. W. Way
Songs:
a.—"Liberty."
b.—"March on, Brave Lads, March on!"

Boys' Contest in Declamations.
1.—"Revolutionary Alarm"—Chas. Stewart.
2.—"Barbara Freitche"—William Shuping.
3.—"Present Crisis"—Edwin Gregory.

4.—"The Wreck of the Hesperus"—Spencer Murphy.
5.—"Life's Relay"—Arnold Walser.

Songs:
a.—"Battle Hymn of the Republic."
b.—"Dixie."

Girls' Contest in Recitations.
1.—"Which Shall it be"—Ruth Summerset.
2.—"Almost Beyond Endurance"—Annie Taylor.
3.—"Bud's Fairy Tale"—Mary Dayton Leonard.

4.—"The Bear Story"—Frances Brandis.
5.—"Mama Edith Helps Things Along"—Elizabeth Sossaman.

Presentation of Diplomas—A. T. Allen.
Presentation of Prizes—Rev. W. W. Way.

Officers:
William Smoot, President.
Vivian Gregory, Vice-President.
Grace Aaron, Secretary.
Ned Bradshaw, Treasurer-Physician.

Eunice McAdams, Historian.
Juanita Kooztz, Prophet.
Mary Blair, Post.
Oldham Clark, Statistician.
Dewey Atwell, Lawyer.

Class Roll:
Ned Bradshaw, Eunice McAdams, Grace Aaron, Juanita Kooztz, Skille Moyle, Myrtle Kesler, Flossie Foster, Harry Arey, Beulah Linker, Mary Blair, Rose Miller, Mabel Foster, Vivian Gregory, Mary Sue Irvin, Githier Pearson, Dora Lingle, Heth Moorefield, Hiram Bueck, Vera Klutz, Augusta Copley, William Smoot, Agnes McAdams, Oldham Clark, Nona Bruce, Gladys Trazzare, Myrtle Trexler, Frances Sowers, Pearl Misenheimer, Dewey Atwell, Lindsay Taylor, Simmie Handelman.

Motto: "They can, who think they can."
Class Colors: White and Green.
Class Flower: Queen Ann's Lace.

Closing Exercises.
The sixth annual commencement exercises of the Sacred Heart School will take place in the parochial school building tonight at eight o'clock. An attractive and varied program has been arranged and the parents, patrons and friends of the institution are most cordially invited to be present. A silver offering will be taken.

BULLETINS

\$80,000,000 EXCISE TAX.

Washington, May 31.—Further reducing the war tax bill the Senate finance committee today to raise \$80,000,000 in excise or confection tax of 2 cents a pound on coffee, 5 cents a pound on tea, 1-2 cent a pound on sugar and 3 cents a pound on cocoa. Another important change agreed upon was the elimination of the tax of 12 1-2 per cent on war munitions, now raising \$25,000,000.

DURHAM'S SECOND AMBULANCE

Durham, May 31.—The second hospital ambulance for service in France has been contributed by Mrs. L. L. Morehead and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wiley. It has been announced. This makes the fifteenth machine to be provided for by North Carolina, each at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

SEABOARD'S NEW MANAGER.

Norfolk, Va., May 31.—L. C. Fritch, general manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, has been appointed general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, succeeding C. S. Lake, resigned.

TO USE GERMAN SHIPS.

Washington, May 31.—In addition to the German commerce raiders Prinz Eitel Frederick and Kron Prinz Wilhelm the seized German ship Liebenfels and gunboats Geier and Locksun will be used by the navy. For colliers and cargo carriers eight other German ships will be used.

MOURN DEAD NAVAL OFFICER

Washington, May 31.—American naval officers everywhere today are mourning the death of Rear Admiral Uphur, who until his death here last night of heart failure, was the oldest living graduate of the naval academy and dean of officers. He was 94 years old and his naval career had included service with Commodore Perry in the historic Japan service, in the civil war with Porter and many important commands in the navy.

GUARDSMAN KILLED.

Nashville, Tenn., May 31.—Colonel Berry, commander of the 1st Tennessee infantry, announced the death today of private George W. Moore, at Knoxville where he fell from an L. & N. bridge which he was guarding. His sister resides at Scotland Neck, N. C.

DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETS.

Raleigh, May 31.—The executive committee of the State Council of the Council for National Defense met here today to organize. Governor Bickett and Acting Adjutant General Royster are ex-officio members of the executive committee.