

THOUSANDS OF VETERANS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL FOR REUNION

Many Reached Washington for the Sunday Memorial Exercises and Trains are Pouring in Many Today--Great Welcome for the Veterans and Senators and Representatives Will be at Ease to Extend to Them a Cordial Welcome.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 4.—Several thousand of Confederate veterans arrived here today for the reunion which begins on tomorrow and special trains from all sections of the South are adding hourly to the throng already here. The meeting includes in addition to the Veterans a gathering of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans together with a great many visitors. Many of the Veterans arrived in time to take part in the memorial exercises held at the National cemetery at Arlington when President Wilson and former commander Bennett Young spoke. General Young in his speech pledged the support of the South for democracy and said that the draft should be raised to 70 years of age. Today the capital presents a unique appearance with the Veterans in their faded uniforms mingling with the youthful khaki clad men who are preparing for service in France. The Veterans are camped almost on the capitol grounds and all day Sunday the tented city attracted large crowds of Washington residents eager to see a face "from home" and to extend a welcome to the visitors. The House of Representatives is in recess until Wednesday in honor of the reunion and to observe registration day, and the senate hopes to take a recess today that senators from the South may be free to extend welcome to the visitors. The reception committee plans to take care of 75,000 persons and today volunteers are at the Union station meeting and registering the arriving veterans. The scene presents one similar to that which characterized the inauguration of a few weeks ago. One of the first trains was the special "Tom Greene" from the cotton belt bringing delegates from Memphis, Pine Bluff, Texas and other points. Other sections will arrive from Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and other southern cities before Wednesday.

GERMANS TAKEN IN CONSPIRACY PLAN

Alleged to Have Been Engaged in Transmitting News and Information to Germany.

ONE IS THE SON OF GERMAN ARMY CAPTAIN

Charge Against the Men May Be Changed to Treason Assistant U. S. District Attorney Says.

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 4.—With four men under arrest who are alleged to be only minor figures in a conspiracy plan to transmit news and information to Germany through neutral mail channels Federal authorities and city detectives intimated that there would be further arrests which they said might result in the discovery of a German spy system. Apparently government officers hoped they could uncover and explain how Germany knew in advance of the approach of the American destroyers to British waters so that an Irish plot could be mined. The fourth man, described as the son of a German army captain, was arrested this morning. Where and when the three defendants were arrested and their identity is withheld pending arraignment today before United States commissioner. "The charge against them at present," United States assistant district attorney Knox said, "is that of competing with the government by carrying mail in opposition to the government." Mr. Knox added that the charge might be changed to treason.

MEXICAN GUNBOAT CREW LOOT AMERICAN SHIP.

Galveston, Texas, June 4.—The American fishing schooner, 6 Arcas, was boarded by the crew of the Mexican gunboat off the coast of Mexico on the high seas May 31st and looted of clothing, fishing gear and medicine chest, according to information brought here by Captain S. A. McDonald of the Arcas.

CLERK SPECULATION LOSES \$1,030,650

Firm of W. R. Craig & Co., Brokers, of New York, Hard Hit But Not Seriously.

MR. ROBERT MOORE WAS PLAYING WHEAT MARKET

Mr. Craig Was at His Jerusalem Estate, Across South River, When Summoned to N. Y.

Salisbury friends of Mr. W. R. Craig, the multi-millionaire of New York, who owns a large estate and country home in Jerusalem township, Davie County, just across South river, and who is a frequent Salisbury visitor and who entertains many of his friends at his Davie estate, were greatly interested in his hurriedly being summoned to New York Friday by telegraph. Mr. Craig received a message urging him to come to New York at once but was loth to go unless it was absolutely necessary and wired to know what was wanted but the only answer received was that he was wanted at once but the circumstances could not be stated by wire. He left for his New York office and Sunday morning Mrs. Craig received a message from her husband summoning her there immediately. The Salisbury friends of Mr. and Mrs. Craig were sorry to learn later of the nature of the business calling them to New York which was that the firm of W. R. Craig & Co., brokers, had been losers, through the speculation of a clerk in the office, of \$1,030,650, and the following news special gives some of the particulars: "Examination of the books of W. R. Craig & Co., brokers, who caused the arrest yesterday of Robert Moore, former head of their commodity department, upon charges of forgery and misappropriation of \$65,000, shows an apparent shortage of \$1,030,650, according to a statement made public tonight at the offices of the district attorney. Several brokers with whom Moore is said to have carried speculative accounts, will be summoned to help straighten out the tangle, it was said." Moore is 35 years old and has been with W. R. Craig & Co. eleven years. He was employed at the time of the alleged shortage as manager of the commodity department at a salary of \$100 a week. Mr. Craig refused to comment on the matter further than to say: "Recently the attention of the firm was called to serious irregularities on the part of Robert Moore, one of our employees. Mr. Moore was bonded by the American Security Company since March 26, 1917, to the extent of \$75,000, which we understand was 50 per cent reinsured. After a thorough examination into all the departments of our business we have established the fact that, although the amount involved is substantial, it will not embarrass the firm." In private letters to Salisbury friends come substantially the same information, that although the amount involved is large it will not embarrass the company. Moore is the son of a Pittsburg banker and his downfall is said to be due to speculation in wheat.

TAX NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

Senate Finance Committee Finally Adopts Resolution to Put Flat Two Per Cent on This Matter.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 4.—After several hours discussion of how newspapers, magazines and other publications shall be taxed for war purposes the Senate finance committee adopted a resolution against increasing second-class postage rates and favoring the levying of a direct flat two per cent on advertising receipts. Revenue to the amount of \$16,000,000 is estimated. The decision is tentative but is expected to be final.

A STANLEY MAN PARDONED.

Raleigh, June 4.—Walter Kennedy, of Stanley county, convicted of manslaughter in November, 1914, and sentenced to serve six years, has been pardoned by Governor Bickett. Kennedy's health has failed and it is declared conflicting evidence in the case leaves the question as to whether or not the attack was in self defense.

'TWIXT SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS



REMEMBER TO REGISTER AND TO DO SO EARLY

Those who must register on Tuesday, the men between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive, should remember that they must do so early and that there will be a great many of them to register. The hours are from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. and the registrars are without pay and are not expected to remain a moment longer than the time the voters to remain. Do not put this matter off, thinking it can be done a the last moment. There will be a few who for good reason cannot get in early in the day, but the great majority should get the job through as soon as possible. Let those who must registrar remember these hours and the importance of getting the work done promptly.

A NEW BERN MAN KILLED AT RALEIGH

Mr. R. J. Wharton, of New Bern Killed by Southern Train at the Union Station.

FELL UNDER TRAIN AS IT WAS BACKING OUT YARDS

Body Will Be Taken to New Bern for Interment, Had Been Visiting in Greensboro.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 4.—R. J. Wharton, said to be from New Bern, was killed by a Southern passenger train here this morning at the Union station sheds. Mr. Wharton was en route from Greensboro to Goldsboro, and during the time the train stopped here he left the cars. When the train started to back out of the sheds he fell under the cars as he attempted to board it, falling under the car the body was badly mangled. Mr. Wharton was about 55 years of age and had been visiting relatives at Greensboro and was returning to his home. The authorities have communicated with relatives at Greensboro and members of the family will arrive here this afternoon. The body will be shipped on to New Bern for burial.

MR. LEACH WILL NOT ASK RE-ELECTION

Mr. J. A. Leitch, Jr., who has been principal of the High Schools of the public schools for five years, will not ask for re-election to this position. This remove from the head of the High School a very capable and efficient head and adds another loss to the school in this capacity. Mrs. E. T. Johnston will not be again connected with the schools, where she has been principal of the Primary grades for a long time while Mr. Leitch's many friends will learn with the keenest of interest of his decision in this respect and will be deeply interested in his plans for the future as they are developed.

COSTLY SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Thirtieth of May Celebrator Must Pay \$75 and Costs or Serve Three Months on the Roads.

In the county court this morning George Crawford, colored, was given a hearing on a charge of shooting Jim (Mandy) Brown, also colored, in the leg during the 30th of May celebration and also for carrying a concealed weapon. He was found guilty on both indictments and for carrying a pistol Judge Wright imposed the minimum penalty prescribed by the last legislature, \$50, also costs. In the shooting he was taxed \$25 and costs. Failure to pay the first fine and costs he will be given sixty days on the roads and failing to pay the second fine and costs he must serve thirty days. Joe Poe for vagrancy gets thirty days on the roads. Frank, alias Fred Perkins, for larceny goes to the road for a term of thirty days. Earl Douglas was taxed \$10 and half costs for an affray, and Jim Cagle, engaging in the same affray, was taxed half of the costs.

SELLS NEWSPAPER INTEREST.

Roger Steffan Disposes of His Interest in the Durham Daily Sun, Retires as Editor, and Will Return to Columbus, Ohio.

(By Associated Press.) Durham, June 4.—Roger Steffan, editor of the Durham Sun for the past 18 months and a stockholder in the corporation, has resigned, disposed of his interest in the paper and will probably return to Columbus, Ohio, his former home. The Sun is owned now entirely by W. W. and Howard Weaver.

ROOT AND ASSOCIATES ARE NOW IN RUSSIA

American Commission to the Russian Republic Arrives at a Russian Port and Will Proceed to Petrograd.

A Russian Port, Sunday, June 3, via Toronto, Canada, June 4.—The American commission to Russia, headed by Elihu Root, of New York, which arrived here safely this morning, left on a special train this afternoon bound for Petrograd, after calling on officials here. The Root party will probably reach the Russian capital on June 11.

Washington, June 3.—Safe arrival at a Russian port of the American Commission to Russia, headed by Elihu Root, Ambassador extraordinary was announced in a dispatch to the Navy Department. The Commission left Washington about May 5, charged with greetings to the new democratic Government of Russia, and authorized to pledge unstinted aid from the United States not only in the prosecution of the war against the common enemy, but in the rehabilitation of the demoralized country. It was preceded by a special mission of railroad experts, whose arrival already had been announced. After a final conference between President Wilson and Mr. Root, the commissioners traveled overland to the Pacific Coast and there boarded a fast naval vessel for the voyage to the Orient. Under the voluntary censorship, at the rein of the Government, nearly all American newspapers refrained from publishing anything about their departure or the points through which they passed along the way. While no German submarines are known to be operating in the Pacific, it was deemed wise to print no details of the trip until the voyagers were safely landed.

The arrival of the mission at Petrograd is awaited anxiously because it is confidently believed here that the assurances it brings from the American Government and people and the counsel of its members will do much toward steadying and strengthening the hand of the Provisional Government.

Mr. H. M. Brown's Condition. Mr. H. M. Brown, the Post's collector, who has been quite ill for several days, is somewhat improved today. It was feared Saturday afternoon and Sunday that he was threatened with typhoid fever, but it is said today he may escape this. However, he is yet quite ill.

VETS. TO WASHINGTON, NUMBER SPECIAL TRAINS

It was a busy and lively scene at the Southern passenger station last evening from 8 o'clock until after eleven. In addition to the regular trains there were a number of special trains operated, all of these being Washington bound and carrying veterans and their wives and daughters and others to the Confederate veterans' reunion. A special came down the Western, being the first extra train to operate during the night, and this was followed by a number of extra trains from the South. A number of Salisburyans left last night but the biggest delegation from here leaves tonight. Conspicuous among those from Salisbury last night were Mr. A. Parker, who attends all these events, and Mr. Parks Basinger, who came in from Morgan township, and who carried with him his boom companion—his fiddle—and he will make himself known in Washington. He never fails to attend a veterans reunion and never goes without his fiddle. The Southern Railway has sent a large number of specially uniformed special officers to Washington to assist in the handling of the crowds and especially around the Pennsylvania station. These men will be augmented by plain clothes men, all of whom are in charge of Chief Special Agent J. W. Connelly, of Charlotte. Additional special trains were operated early this morning and several have passed through later in the day with still others to follow tonight. It is said the Southern is running seventeen of these special through here. Mr. Ed Dunham, of Concord, spent Sunday in the city and returned home this morning on No. 11. Mr. W. P. Oddie, of the county, who has been in ill health for some time, leaves tonight for Baltimore to enter a hospital for treatment and an operation. He will be accompanied by Dr. C. M. Van Poole and his brother-in-law, Mr. W. P. Arey.

GERMANY PREPARED TO GO THE LIMIT

Will Go to Almost Any Extreme in the Sacrifice of Men to Hold Situation on West Front.

BRITISH FIND MASSES GERMANS OPPOSING THEM

The Situation in Russia Continues Extremely Uncertain and Naval Forces are Being Watched.

(By Associated Press.)

There seems to be ample evidence that Germany is preparing to go to almost any length at present in sacrificing men to hold the situation on the west front in hand. Along the line held by the French the effort is taking the form of almost ceaseless counter attacks in the Aisne and Champagne. Although suffering sanguinary repulse on Sunday in repeated attacks they made a new thrust last night along the Chemin-Des-Dames plateau. The Paris report shows this to have had some measure of success, the Crown Prince's troops forcing their way into some advanced French positions. The British on their front have not been so frequently counter attacked, but wherever recently they assayed to advance they evidently found dense masses of Germans opposing them. Today's official British statement does not mention any further fighting in the vicinity of Lens and apparently General Haig has not pressed further his attempt to advance made there yesterday and which was checked by violent counter attacks by heavy forces. In independent operations near Cheristy the British last night recaptured the post taken from them by the Germans in the attack Saturday night. The situation in Russia continues extremely uncertain. While better reports come from the army Minister of War, Kerensky declaring it constantly increasing in power conditions in Petrograd are becoming more unsettled. Declaring independence by Kronstadt of the naval forces near Petrograd has been followed by the threat to send sailors from the garrison of Petrograd for a demonstration against the present council of deputies. It was even reported yesterday that a force of sailors had landed at Gupuyess Island, the port of Petrograd, and begun an attack. This later was found, however, to be untrue.

SHRINERS TO ASHEVILLE.

Mountain City Will Form the Desert Sands for a Great Ceremonial Wednesday, June 6th—Many Going From All Parts of the State.

Asheville, June 4.—Asheville shriners are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the spring ceremonial, which will be held at Hendersonville next Wednesday, J. E. Cameron of Kinston, illustrious potentate, writes that he expects the largest attendance at the ceremonial for sometime and hopes that many Asheville shriners will be in attendance. The last ceremonial was held in Charlotte last December, and the one previous to that in Kinston. It is estimated that, between 1,500 and 2,000 shriners with members of their families from all sections of North Carolina, will attend the ceremonial at Hendersonville this spring. The ceremonial will be in session two days during which degrees will be given, banquets held, parades by a patrol of 40 members, which will also hold daily drills, and music by a full and complete brass band will be featured. Asheville nobles will assist in every way to make the ceremonial at Hendersonville a great success. A ceremonial was held in Asheville two years ago which was attended by hundreds of Shriners throughout the state and is said to have been one of the most successful that has been held in the state.

DRAFT PLANS LAID BEFORE SENATE COM.

Washington, June 4.—Plans of the War Department to draft from 900,000 to 1,000,000 men of the 10,000,000 who it is estimated will register tomorrow for the new army were disclosed today by Provost Marshal General Crowder to the Senate military affairs committee. Exemptions, he said, would probably result in reducing the number to 625,000 men for immediate service.