

PORTO RICAN LABOR FOR UNITED STATES

To Be Brought Here Within Month for Farms in Southern States, Shipyards and Other Industries.

75,000 MEN ARE NOW AVAILABLE Recruiting of This Labor Has Been Going on for Several Months.—Employment for 10,000 Arranged.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 17.—Porto Rican labor is to be transported to the United States within a month for farms in the Southern States in shipyards, and other war industries along the Atlantic coast.

Arrangements have been made by the Federal Employment Service, with the War Department to utilize returning transports which will carry supplies to 15,000 drafted Porto Ricans at the army cantonment at San Juan.

WAR SUMMARY TODAY.

American Contributing to Stiffening of Allied Lines.—Renewal of German Thrust in Flanders Probable.

So far as is known, these Americans are the first troops to get into the fighting zone as units, brigaded with the British. They are part of the force which has been dispatched from the United States in the new movement of troops forecast soon after the German offensive was started in March.

It seems not improbable that there will be a renewal of German thrust in the Flanders area shortly, either as a separate operation or in conjunction with a re-opening of the offensive on an arcuate scale along the battle line.

CASUALTY LIST TODAY.

Fifteen Killed in Action.—One North Carolinian Died of Disease.

Washington, May 17.—The casualty list today contained 108 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 15; died of wounds 6; died of disease 4; died of gas poisoning 1; wounded severely 12; wounded slightly 69; missing in action 8.

The list includes: Private Fred L. Harshaw, of Murphy, North Carolina.

Johnson Trial Starts.

Richmond, Va., May 17.—After four years had been summoned, because many of the men had formed opinion in the case or of opposed to capital punishment, the jury to hear the trial of Dr. Lemuel Johnson, of Middlesex, N. C., charged with murdering his bride, Mrs. Alice K. Johnson, was completed in Hastings Court this morning, and examination of witnesses started shortly before noon.

The price of cotton today on the local market remains at 30 cents per pound; cotton seed at 75 cents per bushel.

CONCORD STORES CLOSE AT 6:30 P. M.; GROCERY STORES AT 7 P. M. SATURDAYS 10 P. M.

NEW

PIEDMONT TODAY.

The Best Home, Best Dressed Woman in America.

IRENE CASTLE IN "Stranded in Arcady"

A Great Dramatic Production With Thrilling Scenes and Gorgeous Settings.

COMING FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RED CROSS RALLY AT THE KANNOPLIS Y. M. C. A. LAST NIGHT

Under the leadership of Mr. M. L. Cannon, captain of Red Cross team No. 4, the town of Kannapolis has been subdivided into ten teams of ten men each and they are to work systematically to secure a large subscription to the Red Cross War Fund.

MEETING OF D. A. R.

Interesting Meeting Held at the Home of Miss Jenn Coltrane.

The Cabarrus Black Boys Chapter of the American Revolution held an interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. G. Caldwell, on North Union street.

The meeting opened with a beautiful ritual, recently adopted by the chapter. This local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution have decided to pay loving respect to the boy in the country who dies in the service of his country, by sending a Confederate and a United States flag to be placed on his grave.

The feature of the meeting was the splendid report of the National D. A. R. Congress by Mrs. Chas. E. Waggoner, recent alternate. Mrs. Waggoner's account of the various phases of the work was very full and was given in a charming manner.

At the short session Saturday afternoon, several resolutions left over from the previous sessions were adopted. One was the abolition of mourning gear for the duration of the war, in order to conserve material and to help up the morale of the country.

In place of mourning a black sleeve band with a gray star for each relative lost in service was decided upon. Another resolution denounced the practice of forcing traitors to kiss the flag, branding the act as a desecration.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's program, instead of carrying out the usually appointed program for "Chapter Day," the members drove to the cemetery where flowers were placed on the graves of two departed members, Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, and Mrs. S. J. Ervin, the latter the first regent of the chapter.

CONFERENCE OVERRIDES VETO OF THE BISHOPS

Veto as to Laity Rights for Women Over-Ridden by a Vote of 265 to 57.

Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—The spirit prevailing in the Methodist Church with regard to laity rights for women was strikingly demonstrated yesterday when the General Conference by an overwhelmingly majority overrode a veto by the college of bishops of the action taken the day before, granting the same rights to women that men now enjoy in church affairs.

The announcement that the bishops had vetoed the granting of laity rights to women struck the General Conference like a bomb-shell and brought on an immediate and determined parliamentary fight in which the progressives won a sweeping victory.

The veto was overridden by a vote of 265 to 57, which was far more than the two-thirds majority required.

Under Methodist law the bishops have the right to veto acts of the General Conference. The conference can then override a veto by a two-thirds majority. In this event the legislative body is submitted to a referendum by the annual conferences. To sustain the General Conference it is necessary for a majority of the annual conferences to ratify the proposed legislation, each one by a three-fourths majority.

This makes the power of the bishops very great, and will have the effect of postponing laity rights for women until the action of the annual conferences is reported back to the General Conference four years hence. Should a majority of the annual conferences, by a three-fourths vote, ratify the action of the General Conference, then laity rights will be granted.

Doughton and Murphy Both at Work.

Statesville, May 16.—R. L. Doughton, of Sparta, Alleghany county, Democratic candidate for renomination as Congressman from this, the 8th district, is spending several days in Statesville and Iredell county looking after his political interests.

Murphy, of Rowan county, who is a candidate to succeed Mr. Doughton in Congress from this district, also spent a day in Statesville looking after his interests.

Baptist Give Vote to Women.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 15.—A resolution providing equal suffrage for women in the church organizations was adopted overwhelmingly late today by the sixty-third session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The vote followed a sharp debate.

Violent Artillery Fighting Southeast of Amiens.

Paris, May 17.—Violent artillery fighting in the region of Hallue, southeast of Amiens, is reported in today's official statement.

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FARMER SHOT AND KILLED IN HIS HOME

Shot Fired Through a Window by an Assassin Last Night.—Occurred Near Valdosta, Ga.

WIFE ALSO WAS SHOT IN SHOULDER

Poses With Dogs Are Scouring the Countryside for the Slayed, Said to Be a Young Negro.

(By The Associated Press) Valdosta, Ga., May 17.—Hampton Smith, a farmer living near Barney, in Brooks county, was shot and killed in his home by an assassin last night, the shot being fired through a window.

Mrs. Smith, who ran for the door also was shot through the shoulder, but managed to escape. She ran to the home of a negro family nearby, where she reported the tragedy, declaring she recognized a young negro named Sidney Johnson, who worked for her husband, as the assassin.

Poses with dogs are scouring the countryside for the slayer.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR COMPULSORY MARRIAGE

Married Couples Who Remain Childless to Be Punished.

(By The Associated Press) London, May 17.—The German commission appointed to examine the decline in the birth rate in Germany has reported a recommendation for the compulsory marriage of Germans before their 20th year is past.

Financial assistance would be granted by the state, according to this plan, which provides penalties for those failing to comply.

THE FIFTH WINTER OF WAR NOW INEVITABLE

Germany Must Make Up Their Minds to Face Disappointment, Hausman Says.

(By The Associated Press) Bern, via British Admiralty, Per Wireless Press, May 17.—In a speech before the Wurttemberg diet, Herr Hausmann, one of the leaders of the Progressive party, said that a fifth winter of war was now inevitable.

Germany must make up their minds to face disappointment, he said, instead of obtaining the victory hoped for during the summer.

NEAR MUTINY AMONG GERMANS AT HOT SPRINGS

When They Learned It Was the Government's Plan to Move Them.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 17.—Almost mutiny broke out among the 2200 interned Germans at Hot Springs, N. C., when they learned of the government's plan to move them before July 1 to army posts at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

It was necessary to increase the guards to preserve order.

Many of the interned aliens had invested their savings on improvements to their cottages to make them more comfortable, thinking they were located for the period of the war.

NO INTENTION OF REFLECTING ON CONGRESS

George Creel, Chairman of Committee on Public Information, So States.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 17.—George Creel, chairman of the Committee on Public Information, has written Chairman POU of the House Rules Committee, that he had no intention of reflecting on Congress in his much-discussed recent speech in New York in which he was quoted as saying that inasmuch as he did not enjoy slinging, he would not explore the heart of Congressmen.

The remark attributed to Creel created a furor in Congress with demands for an investigation of his committee, and declarations that if correctly quoted, he was unfit to hold his office.

It was indicated yesterday by House leaders that the matter probably would be permitted to drop, and Creel's letter to POU probably assures such a disposition of the incident.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Rally Followed by Nervous and Irregular Fluctuations.

(By The Associated Press) New York, May 17.—Yesterday's rally was followed by nervous and irregular fluctuations in the cotton market during today's early trading.

President Not Opposed to Aircraft Investigation.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, May 17.—President Wilson authorized Secretary Family to deny that he is opposed to any aircraft investigation by the Senate military committee, and announced that he chamberlainly resolution, because he objects to the "poor" purpose of the known what its purpose is.

TROOPS OF NEW AMERICAN ARMY HAVE ARRIVED IN ZONE OF THE BRITISH FORCES

(By The Associated Press) British and American officers and soldiers are extremely cordial.

Not Troops Detached From Pershing's Present Force.

Washington, May 17.—The American troops referred to as "the new American army" in dispatches today, reporting their arrival in the zone of British operations in France, are the forces being brigaded and trained with the British, probably on the Flanders battle front.

They are not groups detached from General Pershing's present force, but are part of the new movement of troops from the United States, forecast by Premier Lloyd George some time ago.

COMMENCEMENT AT THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Fifteenth Annual Commencement May 26-29.—Hon. R. N. Page to Deliver Address.

The fifteenth annual commencement of the Collegiate Institute will be held in the auditorium at Mount Pleasant beginning May 26 and ending May 29. The following will be the programme:

Sunday, May 26. 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon—Rev. J. W. Horine, D. D. 8 p. m.—Address before Y. M. C. A.—Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D.

Monday, May 27. 10:30 a. m.—Declamatory contest—C. J. Beaver, R. W. Bost, W. L. Morris, J. G. Park, P. O. Petrea, F. R. Thompson.

3:30 p. m.—Annual drama: "The Lady of Lyons." Tuesday, May 28. 10:30 a. m.—Literary address—Hon. R. N. Page.

1 p. m.—Meeting of Board of Trustees. 3:30 p. m.—Contest in debate—Query: Resolved, "That immigration to the South should be encouraged."

Affirmative: L. E. Blackwelder, H. J. Coley, A. P. Litaiker, J. H. McDaniel, C. H. Monsees, George Steljes, Jr.

Wednesday, May 29, 10 a. m. Oren's contest, by representatives of the Senior Class. W. B. Bost—"The March of Democracy."

L. M. Bost—"We Must Go Over the Top." C. K. Mahler—"America's Opportunity."

W. A. Mahler—"The Young Man and the Future." O. E. Klutz—"The Man Behind the Flow."

J. E. Schenck—"The People Without a Country." Graduating exercises, awarding of diplomas, presentation of medals, and announcements.

Marshals. Gerhardt Society—W. B. Bost, chief; R. M. Brown, C. H. Monsees, C. A. Bruggemann.

Ludwig Society—L. M. Bost, W. A. Mahler, J. A. H. Heitman, O. E. Klutz.

Preparatory Society—S. F. Walker, L. E. Mabry, W. G. Lipe, J. G. Park.

The following composed the graduating class: Lewis Monroe Bost, Wilson Bailey Bost, Oren Everette Klutz, Carl Von Kampen Mahler, William August Mahler, James Caswell Misenheimer, Jacob Ernest Cheswick.

IMPORTANT WORK OF CONFERENCE IS OVER

Dwindling Interest Noticeable in Today's Session.

(By The Associated Press) Atlanta, May 17.—With its important work out of the way a dwindling of interest was noticeable at today's session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

Only a few delegates were in their places when Bishop W. B. Murray presided for order. After devotional services, led by Rev. G. H. Thompson, presiding elder of the Meridian, Mississippi district, Bishop surrendered the chair to Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of California. A telegram of greeting was read from the Southern Baptist convention now meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Discussion of the Work of the Foreign Missionary Board and Other Matters.

(By The Associated Press) Hot Springs, Ark., May 17.—Discussion of the work done within the last year by its foreign mission board held the attention of the 63rd session of the Southern Baptist Convention today.

Among the speakers were missionaries from several foreign nations. Virtually all of them had favorable reports to make on the extension of church work despite war conditions.

The Russian situation as it affects the church work was one of the principal points of interest, and members of the convention already have indicated their ardent desire to re-enter the church field in Russia.

"Till Harvest or Bust," is the wheat thrift slogan.

PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW IN CITY OF ODESSA

The Austrian Commandant, At the Request of the German Government, Has Issued This Order.

THOUSANDS ARE FEELING FROM CITY

Berlin Expects Soon to Receive 150,000 Sheep And 50,000 Pigs From Rumania And Wheat Later.

(By The Associated Press) London, Thursday, May 16.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Odessa by the Austrian commandant at the request of the Germans, according to telegraph dispatches from Amsterdam.

Street fighting in Odessa is reported. At Kiev Austrian patrols are in the streets day and night, and thousands of persons are fleeing from the city.

Berlin expects to receive 150,000 sheep and 50,000 pigs shortly from Rumania, and 100,000 tons of cereals in July or August.

RAIDS AND LOSSES

TERRORIZER U-BOATS

Supersubmarine Found Too Big and Work is Stopped.

Zurich, May 16.—British naval operations against German submarines are causing consternation among the crews and the German admiralty, according to information from Berlin received today.

Operations were suspended on new supersubmarines at Wilhelmshafen and Kiel because they were too big and other faults were found in their construction.

It is admitted that many submarines have been destroyed, one whole squadron failing to return from a cruise in the Atlantic.

Travelers Company Has Leased O. Henry Hotel.

Greensboro, May 16.—The Travelers Hotel Company, which conducts the Guilford Hotel here and the Zinzendorf Hotel at Winston-Salem, has leased the O. Henry Hotel now in course of erection here. This new hotel will probably be completed in the fall, and will be a \$750,000 structure, with the lease at a cost of \$75,000, and will be open for business before the end of the year.

"Super-Wheat" Has Been Evolved by Luther Burbank.

Santa Rosa, Cal., May 16.—A "super-wheat," containing 14 per cent gluten, has been evolved by Luther Burbank, the California horticulturist, after experiments extending over 11 years. It was announced here today.

The wheat may be grown from Hudson Bay to Patagonia. The new wheat is said to be of the winter variety, hardy and producing a white flour.

Winston-Salem Youth is Killed in France.

Winston-Salem, May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bolling, of this city, received a message today from the war department at Washington advising them that their son, Clyde W. Bolling, a member of headquarters company, 10th infantry, United States expeditionary forces, died in France May 11 from wounds received in action.

Overman's Bill Provision for Another Federal Judge.

Washington, May 16.—A bill by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing for the appointment of an additional federal judge for the North Carolina western district, was passed today by the Senate and goes to the House.

Dr. Vance New Moderator of Presbyterian Assembly.

Durant, Okla., May 16.—Dr. James I. Vance, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected moderator this afternoon by the Southern Presbyterian general assembly, in 58th annual session here.

HOWDY P. A. P.

PURITY AID PROGRESS



BIG FREE SHOW AND NOTED LECTURE TONIGHT AT CENTRAL GRADED SCHOOL, starts at 8 o'clock. HON. J. W. ELLIOTT, of Nashville, Tenn., on "GERMAN KULTUR." Also TEXAS RITCHIE, the Ranger Texas, on "The Heart of Red Cross."

NOTICE—Concord members Loyal Order of Moose are requested to be at the Court House tonight for regular meeting at 9 o'clock. Special work. Also our Supreme Supervisor will be with us. Also bring a member to join the Brude.

Yours in P. A. P. CONCORD LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

"The Deadly Torpedo" 11th Episode of THE MYSTERY SHIP AT THE NEW PASTIME TODAY

Also a Nestor Comedy "It's a Cruel World" With Gals Henry and Wm. Erney.