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NEGRO CAN'T FIGHT AS HE IS DEAD MAN

Twenty-five Other Men Failed to Appear for Examination in the Draft and Are Certified to the District Board.

High Point's Quota 20 Per Cent Over; Discharges and the Rejections For Last Board Sitting Are Given.

Twenty-six men, 25 of them legally alive and the 26th legally dead, although there is a little tangle in the documents concerning the death, failed to appear for examination before the physicians of the local exemption board and they have been certified to the district board as members of the draft army from High Point township. Rumley Johnson, negro, is the 26th and he had the misfortune to lose his life under the wheels of a railroad engine in the local yards on or about June 24.—The only official notice the local board has had of the happening came about when the letter of notification was returned, undelivered, bearing the one word "dead!" Therefore, it is entirely reasonable to presume that the district board will not consider one of the 26 certificates forwarded because of the failure of the man to appear.

First Drawn in Service.

The first man drawn, holding serial number 258, Charles Walter Bain, of Main street, is already in the service of the United States, being a member of a crew of one of the watch dogs of the republic. Mr. Bain has, however, failed to correspond with the local board as he should have and he will count as one of High Point's quota.

The other men certified because of their failure to appear for examination were William Richardson, James Hampton, Ralph Miller, Charlie McCorkle, C. T. Husky, Alex Moore, Ernest Morgan, John Stuart, Robert Irby Brown, Jess Thompson, C. E. Moore, Parvis Simpson, John L. Morrison, T. E. Marsh, Arthur Kennington, William Robertson, Thomas R. Fagg, Leander Ross, Luther Allison, Eli Brevard, Lonnie E. Whittaker, Henry Gilmer, E. E. Fismire, Edward Currier.

14 Are Negroes.

It will be seen that 14 of the number are negroes which does not make the majority as great as had been expected. Various reasons may be assigned later for the failure of the men to appear but the explanation if there be any, will be heard by the district board.

The local exemption board passed on a number of cases last evening and during this session one certificate of discharge was granted because the applicant was a member of the Friends church, was revoked. Charles Herbert Cox was the holder of the certificate which was withdrawn and his name will be certified to the district board as eligible for service. The action of the board was in keeping with the rules and regulations recently issued from the office of the provost marshal general.

Discharges Made.

A number of discharges from the draft because of dependents were granted last evening, these receiving the discharges being Thomas Jefferson Tipp, W. L. Hargett, L. C. Petrie, Robert H. Schreest, Cleon Welborn, Oscar Bell Haney, Ray Desmond Fowler, Fred Hartgrove, Thomas L. Wood, Clarence I. Smith, H. I. Coffield, James B. Hadden, Willie L. Kirkman, Thomas Simpson, J. N. McMahon, James Oscar Wilkie, Henry T. Frazer, Ernest S. Barnes, Atton K. Bales, William E. Albertson, Charles G. Boudurant, David A. Fowler, Isaac D. Venable, John O. Morgan, John Sell, C. C. Stout, J. Clifford Hinshaw and Robert T. Ritchie.

Certify List Today.

The local board will sit again this afternoon and the full list of eligibles will be certified to the district board. Well over 100 men have been examined, or more than 20 per cent of those examined, for service from High Point township, it is stated.

The showing made by the men examined yesterday was very poor, more than 50 per cent being turned down by the physicians. Seventy-one men were examined with the following results: Whites accepted, 28; rejected, 27; negroes accepted, seven; rejected, nine.

Men Examined.

The men examined yesterday were as follows: Accepted, white—H. T. Frazer, John W. Roach, H. M. Roach, S. D. Clapp, Robert L. Myrick, W. S. Hall, John O. Morgan, Jesse J. McDaniel, Dan F. Allen, John T. Sell, Luther Kidd, A. C. Stout, Walter Smith, William E. Kidd, C. J. Hinshaw, Willis Ware, George E. men.

GERMANS URGED TO QUIT THEIR WORK

Open Walkouts Are Proposed Among Munition Workers; Reform Started in Electoral System; Allies Continue to Win Success in Belgium.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—(Via London.)—In addition to drafting bills for electoral reforms the Prussian ministry of the interior is said to be engaged in working out executive measures affecting Prussian constitutional institutions. One of these concern the reorganization of the upper house.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED PEACE MOVE

Copenhagen, Aug. 17.—The German government's attitude on so important a matter as the peace proposal of the pope can only be made known after careful deliberation as its decision can only be taken in full accord with Germany's allies. A statement to this effect has been sent by the foreign office to the press. A renewal of strike agitation in war industries evidently on the part of the socialists is reported from Berlin. A semi-official notice says that circulars are being distributed in munition factories advocating a walkout.

The notice appeals to the workmen not to be misled and to betray their brothers.

(The Germans made violent and repeated efforts last night to regain im-

portant positions recently wrested from them. They gained some advantages on the Verdun front otherwise the only result was to add to the heavy losses sustained in their local offensives of late. The British report three counter attacks against their lines near Loos. At the second effort the Germans gained slight successes at points but were driven back again and the third failed.

Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the Ypres section where the British were finally pressed back.

The attacks on the French were made at widely separated points.

In Belgium the Germans attempted to recapture the ground taken by the French along the Steenbeke river but met with no success. On the Aisne the Germans made assaults near the Califormie plateau and east of Cerny.

Shattered by the terrific artillery of the French the German infantry formations were swept back by heavy losses.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting was resumed with a German stroke on a front of two kilometers between Caucieres wood and Bezaunvois. Between the points the attackers gained a foothold on the foremost French trenches but were later driven out.)

PREPARE TO SEND FEDERAL TROOPS INTO THE NORTHWEST

Washington, Aug. 17.—Siding of federal troops to Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho to keep war industries moving and to check disorders is regarded by officials as a possibility in the near future should the Industrial Workers carry out their threat to strike and it attain serious proportions and the civil

authorities be unable to meet the situation.

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Negroes—John Griffin, Luther Cheek, Oscar Gibson, Lucy Green, Luke J. Armstrong, Sam Gilmore, Luther Kearns.

Rejected, white—Johnson Phibbs, L. G. Newton, Charles W. Hayes, James C. McGhee, A. V. Peace, Arthur Delapp, A. W. Frith, Robert G. Weant, Lewis P. Cagle, James E. Mitchell, Dowd Sherrill, Robert B. White, Jr., Jewel Preddy, John H. Goodwin, James A. Coleman, A. S. Prince, Roland B. Williams, Troy Lewallen, Benner Linthcum, Shufford Matthews, William C. Touge, Herman E. Wood, M. S. Manly, Walter C. Kirkman, Robert L. Haney, John W. Paten, C. A. Welch.

Negroes—Oscar Bost James Waco, Samuel Jeff, DeWitt T. Shoop, Alfred Imes, Gray Dorsett, Fred Hartman, Joseph Wilson, Cicero Spencer.

INTERNATIONAL SPY HEAD BY FEDERAL OFFICERS

Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Dr. A. K. Graves, self-styled international spy, who came into prominence in 1914 after the publication of a volume of his experiences as the "personal spy of the kaiser" was arrested last night at the Union station for being in a zone closed to enemy aliens without permit.

Dr. Graves told the officers he was working for the department of state.

FUNERAL OF LITTLE GIRL WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Evelyn Louise, the one-year-old daughter of David Lee and Lillian Barbee, who died yesterday morning at the family home, corner Asheboro and Wise streets, was conducted from the residence this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Sylvester Newlin, pastor of the Friends church. Interment was made in the burying ground at Springfield church.

SOME CHANGE IN ASSIGNING DRAFTED MEN TO CAMPS

Washington, Aug. 17.—Some changes are being made in the plan for assigning drafted troops to cantonments which will result in sending men assigned to a cantonment to some other. The extent of the change has not been announced, but probably will be soon.

School Teachers Drafted.

Durham, Aug. 17.—The war draft will take about 15-high school principals from North Carolina was the estimate of N. W. Walker, state inspector of secretary of schools today. He is making plans to have the vacancies filled by women.

SMOKE SCREEN TACTICS WITH THE BRITISH NAVY.



BRITISH SMOKE SCREEN. British destroyers hiding behind the smoke screen they have thrown out by destroyers to conceal the movements of a battleship fleet in action. Such a smoke screen was used by both sides in the famous Battle of Jutland between the British and German grand fleets.

TO OBSERVE SUNDAY AS AMBULANCE DAY

Philatheas of State to Contribute 5c Each Toward Fund to Send Ambulance to France.

Mrs. Hunter Sechrest has issued the following notice and call to the members of the Peacock Philatheas class of Wesley Memorial Methodist Episcopal church:

"Just now the great call for women is through the Red Cross work. Our Philatheas of North Carolina are helping in the local Red Cross work and asking, 'What further can I do?' The answer comes, 'Send to France an ambulance to be known as the Philatheas Ambulance of North Carolina, U. S. A.' Five cents from every Philatheas in the state will provide funds to send the ambulance on its mission. Sunday, August 19, 1917, is Philatheas ambulance day in North Carolina classes. Won't every member of the Peacock Philatheas class either bring or send at least five cents on this day so that we may have a neat little sum in hand for this fund? Ask your friends to help you.

ORGANIZE 3500 MEN TO AID IN REPAIRING MOTOR CARS

Washington, Aug. 17.—Organization of approximately 3500 men under 162 officers, including three majors into three army units to repair motors and other transportation means the army will use was ordered today but no hint of disposition was made. They probably are designed for use back of the battlefronts.

Another order directs that in addition to the schools for cooks and bakers a temporary school will be established at each cantonment.

JAPANESE SOCIALISTS SEND A MAN TO STOCKHOLM

Tokio, Aug. 17.—It is reported that a small body of Japanese socialists have voted to send a Japanese socialist leader who is in New York as a delegate to Stockholm. It is believed the government is opposed to the participation.

TWO NEW SECRETARIES FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, Aug. 17.—Clarence Onley, of College Station, Texas, and Raymond Pearson, of Ames, Iowa, were nominated today by the president to be assistant secretaries of agriculture.

Change in Meeting Hour.

The Friends Christian Endeavor society will meet at 7:30 this evening instead of 8 o'clock as previously announced, the change in the hour being made so as to give all who care to attend the recital at the high school auditorium the opportunity to do so.

Cotton.

New York, Aug. 17.—The cotton market was less active today. Early fluctuations were irregular. The market opened at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 5 and sold 6 to 7 points higher with October touching 24.95 and January 24.77.

Cotton futures opened steady, October 24.84, December 24.70, January 24.72, March 24.87, May 24.04.

Correction.

O. A. Kirkman purchased the old Methodist church property on East Washington street from the trustees of the Methodist church and not of E. D. Steele as was announced in yesterday's paper.

Mrs. E. A. Hatcher and daughter, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Steele, left today for their home in Richmond, Va.

Visiting in City. Miss Davie Davis and Miss Edith Orange, of Farmville, Va., are the guests of Mrs. J. B. Orange, on Maple street.

W. E. Price will leave tomorrow for Concord and Stanton, Va., where he will spend his vacation.

I. Schwartz and daughter left the city Thursday on a trip to Atlantic City, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

FIVE SHIPS GIVEN UP AS DESTROYED

They Are Overdue at a Pacific Port; Lost by Time Bombs Is Belief.

A Pacific Port, Aug. 17.—Five ships, three American, and British and one Japanese are overdue here and have been given up by their owners and agents. Mariners say they believe that they have been destroyed by time bombs placed in the cargoes by enemy agents. This theory was strengthened today when a sailor employed near here told of having seen fragile bottles containing acid taken from cargo powder cases where they had been placed in such a manner that the breaking would have ignited the cargo.

BERNSTORFF TO GO TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SOON

Berlin, Aug. 15. (Via London, Aug. 16.)—The appointment of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, as ambassador at Constantinople is forecast. He arrived here today and has been in conference with Chancellor Michaelis.

The former ambassador at Washington is well acquainted with conditions in Turkey. His first assignment was an embassy attaché in Constantinople 20 years. Later he was secretary of the legation at Belgrade and has been German consul in Egypt.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ROOK TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Maggie C. Rook, wife of Elias Rook, died yesterday morning at her home, 615 Lindsay street, extended. She was 40 years of age and had been confined to her bed for the past two years. Funeral services over the remains will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Hilliard, former pastor of the Greens Street Baptist church. Interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

SUCCESSFUL RAID CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH AVIATORS

London, Aug. 17.—The admiralty announces the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the R. N. A. service who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings at the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The aerodrome at Ghistel was bombed and several fires observed. All the airplanes returned.

AMERICAN SAW MILL UNIT ON ATTACKED STEAMER

Maynard, Mass., Aug. 17.—A steamer carrying American saw mill unit No. 1 to a British port recently was attacked in mid-ocean by two German submarines, according to a letter received today. Two torpedoes were fired at the ship and both missed their mark by a few feet; the steamer escaping by her speed the writer said.

Destroyer Sunk.

Perograd, Aug. 17.—The torpedo boat destroyer Bourkoff has been sunk by a German mine. It was following a squadron of destroyers on one of which was the minister of marine.

Wheat.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Export interests were said to be buying wheat today for immediate delivery. Trading in September appeared to have entirely ceased and no comparison with yesterday's latest price, \$2.00, was feasible.

Montana Bar Association.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 17.—Leaders of the legal profession in Montana gathered here in force today for the annual meeting of the State Bar association. The sessions will continue two days, with President L. L. Callway of Great Falls presiding.

NO FORMAL ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Discussed the Proposed Increases in Water and Light Rates During the Session Last Evening.

Having found it absolutely necessary to provide more money for the proper enlargement, improvement and maintenance of the water and light systems of High Point and having reached the conclusion that the best and only way was to make those systems do the providing through increased rates, the city council last night considered certain changes in the rates and are about agreed upon the new scale which will go into effect on September 1. It was decided that all water and light bills will, on and after the first of next month, shall be computed by the graduation method and not by the lowest flat rate method which is at present employed. The maximum rate, that going to the small users of water, will not be affected, but the overlapping of the rates between the maximum and the minimum will bring about the increase. Just what the increase will be has not been definitely decided but it will be based on the thousand gallon plan.

The rate for lighting current will be on the following scale:

From 0 to 200 kw-hr per month, 8c per kilowatt hour.

From 200 to 500 kw-hr per month, 6c per kw-hr.

From 500 kw-hr up per month, 5c per kw-hr.

On and after the first of the coming month all water and sewer taps shall be paid for in advance and the scale of charges for making the taps has been materially changed, it costing according to the depth and the kind of paving material cut. Owners of several houses operating under one meter will have the water used charged against him, personally, and the same rule will prevail where one electric meter is used in a house occupied by different families, even though each family has a separate meter. It is further planned to hold every property owner having connections with the sewer responsible for any stoppage between the house and the street sewer main.

According to one citizen seen today, the rates are about where they were several years ago and, in his expressed opinion, is near fair as possible. The change in rates will carry an increase of 10 per cent on rates to all users residing outside the city limits. The minimum charge inside will be 50 cents and outside, 60 cents.

MANAGER MCINTYRE SECURES ORCHESTRA FOR BIG PICTURE

Manager P. C. McIntyre, of the Rose theater, announced today that he had secured the services of an orchestra for next Tuesday evening when the organ motion picture spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," pronounced biggest and best picture "The Birth of a Nation" will be shown. The band of musicians will be imported from South Carolina for the occasion. Manager McIntyre says that the advance notices on the posterette convinced him that it is the great offering of the kind in the history of the amusement business in High Point.

STREET CAR STRIKE IN KANSAS CITY IS BROKEN

Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Street car service was resumed today after a nine-day strike. A settlement was reached yesterday.

In the settlement the car men gained the privilege of membership in a labor union and to select committees to deal with grievances while the car company was victorious in its contention for the open shop.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN ARE BECOMING NORMAL

Paris, Aug. 17.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Associated Press says news from Spain is that everything is becoming normal. It was necessary to be cautious against the strikers at Sabadell near Barcelona resulting in the demolition of four houses and the killing and wounding of several strikers.

CHINA TO ACT INDEPENDENT OF ENTENTE

Her Declaration of War Does Not Mention Association With the Allies in Any Manner Whatever.

In Reviewing It the President Refers to Efforts to Have Germany to Modify Her Submarine War.

Peking, Aug. 14.—China's declaration of war on Germany and Austria beginning at 10 a. m. today and the other documents relating to the conflict do not mention the association of China with the entente. They indicate that China's action will be independent.

The declaration of war aroused little excitement.

Chinese troops in Tien Tsin took over the Austrian concessions and the German bank and barracks.

Registration within 10 days is required to permit Germans to continue doing business.

The proclamation of war signed by the president reviews China's efforts to induce Germany to modify her submarine war.

KORNILOFF EXPRESSES GREATER CONVICTION

Believes That the Great Offensive By the Russian Armies Is Coming.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—Lieut. General Korniloff, the commander in chief in an interview today said that in consequence of the measures the moral fighting capacity of the men had been raised. He hopes for regeneration of the Russians.

The general predicted operations on a vast scale on the Rumanian front and also elsewhere, especially in the north where he indicated there was a possibility of combined land and sea action. He expressed the opinion that another winter campaign was certain.

DISCUSS PEACE NOTE WITH THE PRESIDENT

The President and Mr. Lansing Are to Take Up the Document Soon.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing will soon begin a series of conferences preliminary to responding to the pope's peace proposal.

The peace note the text of which reached the state department late yesterday is soon before the president. He probably will give it close study before taking up the subject.

In official circles today Premier Lloyd George's reassuring speech in parliament yesterday was regarded as voicing the view of the allies as to a discussion of peace. His accounting of food supplies and shipping as affected by submarine warfare also was recorded as indicative of England's safe position.

THE SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS SATURDAY

The 10th annual session of the Memorial association of the Springfield Monthly meeting will be held at Springfield a church tomorrow. The program is as follows:

10:15 a. m. Monthly meeting, George J. Welker, presiding; sermon, Rev. Lewis W. McFarland; business.

12:30 p. m. Social dinner home.

2 p. m. Memorial meeting, John J. Blair, president, presiding. "Friends in the Present Crisis—What They are Doing and What They Should Do," Dr. Sylvester Newlin; "Our Monthly Meeting in the Civil War," Nerius C. English; Reminiscences, W. W. Wilson and others. Business.

BRAZILIAN PAPERS FAIL TO DISCUSS PEACE PROPOSAL

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 17.—The press generally abstains from comment on the pope's peace proposals. In the opinion of the public and that of some papers it is skeptical. O'Pa's hope that the repudiation of the Catholic world will complete the universal repudiation and conciliation.