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SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOREACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK"

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## TWO HUNDRED MEN CALLED FOR EXAM.

**SEVENTY-NINE MEN NUMBERED UNDER CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS 1062 TO 1261 TO REPORT IN HALIFAX WEDNESDAY NEXT SEPTEMBER 12 FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.**

## 130 FAILED TO REPORT ON FORMER CALL

(By UNITED PRESS) Notices will be mailed today for the call of two hundred more men for physical examination Wednesday next at Halifax court house which includes all men numbered under consecutive numbers 1062 to 1261.

Of the first call and examinations made the local exemption board certified 267 men, 59 others have not yet had their claims passed on, and about 130 have not yet appeared for examination.

These one hundred and thirty men who have failed to appear for examination stand on very dangerous ground, for they have already been certified by the local board as having failed to appear for physical examination.

These men are practically under federal jurisdiction now, for not having appeared, and are liable to be taken at any minute by the government, but the local board will agree to certify them for examination if they appear with the new list called for Wednesday.

Of the five per cent quota already sent to Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C., for training, there were twenty-two from this county, all white, made up of seventeen principals and five alternates. All these men showed up, and even others attended at Halifax and wanted to take their places. These men were sent forward Wednesday into training camp, as follows:

From Scotland Neck, Asa Lawrence, Elisha Boyd, Edward Lewis, John W. Perry and Washington Henry Moore.

From Roanoke Rapids, Clarence Matthews, Loyd T. Lipscombe, Nathaniel M. Hockaday, Percy C. Johnson and Thomas M. Burnett.

From Littleton, Sterling Crowder and Norman Moseley.

From Weldon, Charles M. Harrison and John T. Harrison.

From Thelma, Hugh Burgehouse.

From Hobgood, Thomas T. Burnett.

From Tillery, Vivian A. Parks.

## CREDITS BILL PASSES HOUSE

(By United Press.) Washington, Sept. 7.—The great war credits bill, authorizing \$11,538,945,460 in bonds and certificates, passed the house last night unanimously. Action by the Senate as soon as the pending tax bill is disposed of is planned by administration leaders.

Not a material amendment was added to the bill by the house.

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, led a group of Republicans in a futile fight for consideration of a proposal for a war expenditures committee, which was thrown out on a point of order.

It seems that the examining boards have had less trouble with feet than with cold feet.

## INVESTIGATE BAD AMMUNITION

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Investigation of the defective ammunition turned out at the Franklin arsenal by a special committee of two civilians and one army officer was ordered today by Secretary Baker. Dr. H. T. Talbot, professor of chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. Parsons, of the bureau of mines, are the civilians. Major-General Scott, chief of staff, will name the army member.

## School Session Commences Sept 10

Monday morning promptly at 8:30 the bell of the Scotland Neck Graded School will usher in the 1917-1918 school year, and every student that expects to derive benefit from this institution of learning must be in attendance, and in their places, when the roll is called.

It is anticipated that there will be a large additional enrollment so that the morning hours will be devoted to registration and examination of those who did not pass to the higher grades, thus giving them another opportunity of advancement.

Besides Professor R. D. Jenkins, the superintendent, there are eleven members of the faculty, six of whom being new teachers, while Misses Mary White, Eleanor Smith, Ella Mae Miller, Louise Josey and Eva Moore were members of the faculty last year.

The faculty as it is now constituted is as follows:

High School: Miss Blanche Viola Irwin, on mathematics and science; Miss Sallie Mae Arnold, on Latin and French; Miss Eunice Helms, on English and history.

Miss Eugenia B. Woody, Miss Mary White and Miss Amanda Hicks.

Primary Grades: Misses Eleanor Smith, Francis Wortham, Ella Mae Miller, Louise Josey and Eva Moore.

All of these teachers have complied with the state requirements in taking advanced course, and several of them have university and college degrees, so that the commissioners believe they have a very excellent corps of teachers to represent this very important centre.

## Charge Chinese With Treason

(By United Press.)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Three high officials of the late Chinese monarchy are now on trial in Peking for high treason the Chinese embassy announced.

## JAPANESE ARE READY TO FIGHT

(By United Press.)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Japanese troops will be hurled into the European war if the allies decide they want them. But the allies so far have not expressed the need for these forces.

With the opening of the Japanese-American conferences here the matter of sending such troops took on a new importance, particularly in the light of the German menace.

The Russian government let it be known that from it and from the point of international politics, it had no objection to the allies throwing oriental fighters from the occidental into the maelstrom.

Diplomatic officials however "passed the buck" to the war department as to whether or not the military situation demanded the participation of the Japanese into the war.

The war department has so far kept its own counsel.

## 'T WAS MURDER SAYS HOFFMANN

(By United Press.)

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Coroner Hoffman has wired the attorney general of North Carolina that Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy Chicago widow, who was mysteriously shot while motoring near Concord, N. C., on August 29, was in reality murdered.

Gaston B. Means, business adviser for Mrs. King, who was with her when she was shot is believed to be en route to Concord with Mrs. McMelvin sister of the slain woman.

Chicago, Ills. Sept. 7.—The examination of the body of Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of James C. King, Chicago millionaire, was performed in Graceland cemetery (Continued on back page.)

## VITROLIC OUTBURST AGAINST AMERICA

**GERMAN OFFICIAL ORGAN DEMANDS REGULATION OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S UTTERANCES WHICH DON'T AGREE WITH THEM.**

## ASKS CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF US.

(By UNITED PRESS)

Berlin, Sept. 7.—A demand that the "American people secure constitutional guarantees so that in future their president will be unable to rule as an autocratic dictator," is voiced by the Lokanziger.

This newspaper asserted that in reality this is the instant request voiced by both the German people and the Reichstag.

## COL FIELD NOW STATE LIBRARIAN

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Colonel Alexander Field of the interstate journal, and private secretary to the governor during the Kitchin administration has been chosen as state librarian by the library commission to succeed Capt. M. O. Sterrill, who resigned recently on account of advanced age.

## PETROGRAD MAY BE ATTACKED

(By William G. Shepherd.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—Petrograd is preparing for a possible German attack. Red placards are scattered everywhere on the walls of buildings calling on all Russians to do their duty.

Troops are passing through the city en route for the front to repel the invader.

No panic is visible.

Riga's fall electrified the city.

## ELKS AGREE TO HELP HOOVER

(By United Press)

Richmond, Va., Sept. 7.—The Richmond Elks are going to back up food dictator Robert C. Hoover, and have appointed a food conservation committee to see that brother elks are not too prodigal—gastromically.

## COTTON CROP REPORT GOOD

(By United Press.)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Wet weather interfered with the best development of cotton in many central and eastern districts during the last week, according to the weekly crop bulletin. In Texas, however, well distributed rainfall was beneficial. Boll weevil damage was reported in some sections.

Satisfactory progress was made in the development of cotton in North Carolina and it improved where rains occurred and it is generally fruiting well.

The bolls were opening fast in South Carolina and picking is going on rapidly.

## AMERICA TO TRIUMPH SAYS BRITISH PREMIER

**AMID THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE LLOYD GEORGE TOLD OF HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT WAR.**

## THINKS RUSSIA WILL RIGHT HERSELF

(By United Press.) Birkenhead, England, Sept. 7.—"America has never known defeat, and on this occasion, too, she will triumph," is the confident declaration of Premier Lloyd George that swayed the great crowd to thunderous applause.

The British premier admitted the news from Russia was disquieting, but declared he had complete confidence that the Russian leaders would repair the machine now under fire.

## GERMAN ASSAULT ON HOSPITALS

(By United Press.) London, Sept. 7.—Germany is apparently conducting a deliberate aerial offensive against allied hospitals.

The utmost indignation has been aroused throughout England by the reports of the past week showing that half a dozen instances in which hospitals plainly marked, have been singled out for the attack.

England's reprisals will be aerial attacks against German's military works.

With the British Armies Afeld, Sept. 7.—An American officer was killed and five members of his staff wounded in a deliberate bombardment on Tuesday by German airmen of the American hospital on the French coast. Ten patients in the hospital were also wounded.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The war department has cabled headquarters in France this afternoon for information relative to the German assault on the American hospital at the front, and the reported killing of an American officer and wounding several of his staff.

No report has so far come from General Pershing.

## Special Meeting Commissioners

Last night the town commissioners met in special session to discuss the matter of street work and to devise means whereby the balance of the street improvement could be completed.

Chief of Police, G. H. Johnson, reported that fifteen blocks in the city had been graded and shaped up, but there was much need of further work on these same thoroughfares.

It was finally decided that a test be made with a tractor engine and Mr. W. E. Smith came into conference with the board, it being finally decided that the town test out the International tractor owned by Mr. Smith, and if same proves practical, that one of the same kind should be purchased, and also road making equipment.

Following the advice of Mr. Dickens, of the county force, that the principal part of main street should be shaped up, but not plowed up until the spring, as it is feared the ground would not be properly settled after plowing, before the bad weather sets in.

## Secretary Baker Reveals Strength

(By United Press.)

Washington, Sept. 7.—Two million men in active service and in training camps by June 30th was

the plan of the war department. Another draft of 500,000 men has been planned for this winter. This became known when a statement of Secretary Baker before the recent hearings of the house appropriations committee was printed in a public document.

## MT. GABRIELLE BATTLE RAGING

(By United Press)

London, Sept. 7.—The arrival of fresh reinforcements, some of them believed to be German divisions, has increased the ferocity of the battle in the Austro-Italian front.

What is described as the bitterest contested battle ever fought in this theatre of war is now raging over and around Monte San Gabrielle.

The capture of this dominating height was announced by the Italian war office several days ago. They held it more than 24 hours when the Austrian countered with terrific force and dislodged them, since then the summit has changed hands again and again.

Incessant artillerying was worn down nearly all the carefully blasted out trenches and defense works so that now there is no cover available.

## National Songs Confuse Lady

(By United Press.)

London, Sept. 7.—They've got a pianola in the American Y. M. C. A. here. Somebody keeps it going all the time. And nearly every soldier picks out the same roll, one labeled "American Medley." Somewhere in the midst of the medley occurs "America."

They've also got an English lady—capital L—managing the books of the Y. M. C. A. When she heard "America" the first day she thought it was "God Save the King" and stood up. In fact, she stood up nearly a hundred times. Finally some of the managers seeing they weren't going to get any bookkeeping done approached her diplomatically and explained that it is legal to sit still when "America" is played.