

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina--Partly overcast tonight; Saturday probably showers.

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FEDERAL OFFICERS BUSY ROUNDING UP ANTI-DRAFT PLOTS

Several Arrests Made on Charges of Conspiracy Against Government

OFFICERS MAKE RAID ON PRINTING OFFICE

Much Treasonable Literature Secured--Other Arrests Expected to Follow--College Students Under Arrest on Charges of Treason.

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, June 1.--More arrests were looked for today by State and Federal officials in connection with the well organized and well financed anti-conscription propaganda plot uncovered here yesterday.

As the result of a raid by Federal, State and city authorities on a High street print shop yesterday three men are under arrest here today charged with treason.

When arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Johnson each denied guilt and each was held under \$25,000 bond. Those under arrest here are Harry E. Townsley, Ammon A. Hennacy, and Cecil Bailey.

In connection with the alleged plot, John Willis Hammond is under arrest in Marietta, charged with having distributed anti-conscription literature there.

According to the authorities Columbus has been the nerve center of the anti-conscription plot. They charge that thousands of posters and stickers urging young men of military age not to register next Tuesday, have been printed and distributed from here.

The authorities say that Hennacy, a former student at the Ohio State university, has admitted to them that he wrote a portion of the anti-conscription literature.

Yesterday's arrests according to United States District Attorney Stuart R. Bolin, followed an investigation of three months.

College Students Under Arrest. New York, June 1.--Miss Eleanor Wilson Parker, senior at Barnard college, Owen Cattell, a Columbia university senior, and Charles Francis Phillips, a former student at Columbia, who were arrested yesterday, charged with conspiring to violate the selective conscription law, were to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock today for a preliminary hearing.

The three were at liberty under \$1,500 bond each following their arrests yesterday.

The students under arrest are members of an organization known as the "Collegiate Anti-Militarist League" and it was for the alleged attempt to circulate a document said to have been authorized by the league, that they were taken into custody by Federal agents yesterday.

The document, 2,000 copies of which had been ordered printed, was on the presses when the arrests were made. The final proofs are in the possession of the United States district attorney's office.

A. B. Samuels, attorney for Phillips and Miss Parker, said the three students probably were led by older persons. Edwin E. Parker of Asbury Park, N. J., Miss Parker's father, was even more emphatic in expressing his belief that his daughter had been misled.

The seizure of the three students was the first local movement of a proposed general round-up of avowed anti-draft workers whose zeal for pacifism may lead them to break the law.

ANOTHER BIG LOAN MADE TO ITALY (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 1.--Formal conferences between the Italian mission and American officials today reached the stage where it seemed probable that another loan of \$100,000,000 would be made to Italy for June, and that in spending this sum in the United States Italy would join the proposed common purchasing agency of all allied nations.

THE FRENCH FRONT AGAIN THE SCENE OF GREAT ACTIVITY

Evidence of Preparation For New Movement Against The Enemy

ADDITIONAL GAINS ON BRITISH FRONT

German Post Captured--Disorders in Barcelona Emphasized Gravity of Situation in Spain.

Dispatches from the French front in France today indicate a renewal of the offensive against the Germans there as soon as the moment is considered ripe for an attack. The French are in more advantageous positions now than when they began their offensive in April and are still further improving their dispositions from time to time in local thrusts.

One of these minor but collectively important operations was carried out last night when a German post in the Chevreux district near Craonne was captured.

The British on their front to the north are again reporting gains after a period in which only raiding operations were attempted. The advance was scored in the region of Cherisy, between Croiselles and the Arras-Cambrai road. In one of their big attacks during the height of the Arras battle British troops were reported as having reached Cherisy, but were not able to hold it. They now have pushed forward again a little to the west.

The gravity of the situation in Spain is emphasized again today by the news of disorders in Barcelona in which the troops participated.

SCHOOL PROPERTY BADLY DAMAGED

Vandalism in Goldsboro--Citizen Attacked By Vicious Dog.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., June 1.--Some mischievous person or persons attempted and succeeded in badly damaging the property and outside appearance of the Goldsboro High School building in this city some time Wednesday night or early yesterday morning.

The structure, which is one of the handsomest high school buildings in the State, was recently built and cost several thousand dollars. The walls were ruined with dark, smutty paint, and a force of workmen were busily engaged all day yesterday in an effort to remove the paint, but this proved of no avail, as it was impossible to get it off.

For the past term, when a new corps of teachers took charge, there has been quite a friction between the latter and the student body of the local high school, and as school closed for the holidays yesterday it is the opinion of many citizens that the act was committed by several of the male students of the school.

It has been officially reported that a reward of \$25 has been offered for the arrest and delivery of the guilty parties.

Emmett R. Brown, a newspaper man of this city, had a narrow escape Thursday while on his way to dinner when he was attacked by a large greyhound belonging to a vaudeville show now playing in this city. The dog sprang at his throat, but Mr. Brown succeeded in avoiding the attack, and when the enraged animal made a second attempt to bite him he succeeded in securing a firm hold upon the dog's neck and held him pinned to the earth until help arrived in the person of the owner.

GERMAN U-BOAT GETS IN ITS WORK ON AMERICAN SHIPS

Three Vessels Reported Sunk by Them in Last Ten Days

ONE LIFE LOST AMONG THE CREWS

Germans Loot One of The Ships Before Sinking it--Vessels Given No Warning.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 31 (Delayed).--The American sailing ship Dirigo has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew has been landed with the exception of John Ray, third mate, who was drowned, when the small boats were being launched. The boat was attacked without warning.

The Dirigo was attacked at 7 o'clock in the morning. The weather was fine, although hazy. The men were rescued before 9 o'clock. Joseph G. Stephens, American consul at Plymouth, is caring for the survivors.

A statement issued by the British admiralty says that the Dirigo was attacked by gun fire by a German submarine which gave no warning. The vessel was subsequently sunk by bombs after it had been ransacked by the crew of the submarine.

The sinking occurred May 31 and the crew was landed at Plymouth. The American sailing ship, Frances M., was attacked by gun fire on the morning of May 18, according to a report from Cadiz, given out today by the Admiralty. All the members of the crew are at Cadiz.

The admiralty reports that the American sailing vessel, Barbara, was attacked by gun fire of a German submarine at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 24. All the members of the crew were landed at Gibraltar.

The American schooner Barbara, owned by the Foreign and Domestic Trading Company, of Boston, was last reported on sailing March 20 from Port Arthur, Texas, for Spezia, Italy, with a cargo of case oil. The Barbara was built at Chelsea, Mass., in 1908, and was 235 feet long, 309 1/2 tons gross. Prior to the war she was engaged in coastwise traffic between North Atlantic and Gulf ports.

The Barbara carried a crew of 11 men in command of Captain F. L. Laury. Other Americans on board were J. Johnson, second mate, Harrisburg, Pa.; P. Walton, seaman, Chicago; Harry Stone, steward, Colorado; Mrs. D. E. Laury, assistant navigator; Thomas Stoker, first mate.

ESPIONAGE BILL IN CONFERENCE

House Conferees Instructed to Strike Out Censorship Provision of The Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 1.--The administration Espionage bill with its newspaper censorship clause again today was in the hands of the joint conference committee with instructions from the House to eliminate the censorship proposal.

The bill came back to the conferees for the second time as a result of the House's refusal yesterday to accept even the conference committee's modified censorship provision. A motion to recommit the bill with instructions to strip it of its censorship feature was adopted by the House by a vote of 184 to 144. Thirty-seven Democrats voted with Republicans for the motion, while 11 Republicans voted against it.

There were strong indications today that the conferees would shortly report the bill to their respective Houses with the censorship feature eliminated, and that the bill then will be finally accepted.

CIVIL COMMISSION ON HOSPITAL SHIP

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 1.--A civilian commission composed of Dr. Abraham Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute, Dr. William H. Welch, of Baltimore, and Nathan Strauss, of New York, will inspect the naval hospital ship Solace, and other naval vessels, at the request of Secretary Daniels and to form their own conclusion as to the navy's method of handling sick sailors.

Secretary Daniels said today he had determined upon this course so a complete study might be made of the whole problem of medical and sanitary precautions for the naval service.

JOINT MEMORIAL BY BLUE AND GRAY

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., June 1.--Veterans of the G. A. R. and Confederacy will unite with the Daughters of the Confederacy here this afternoon in celebrating the anniversary of Jefferson Davis.

Warning Proclamation Issued by President Wilson

Washington, June 1.--President Wilson, in a proclamation issued today, warns all persons seeking to avoid registration by leaving the country that they expose themselves to prosecution and military service eventually in spite of their efforts to avoid it. The President's proclamation says:

"I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby give warning that all persons subject to registration * * * who withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States for the purpose of evading said registration expose themselves upon their return to the jurisdiction of the United States, to prosecution for such evasion of registration, pursuant to Section 5 of the Act of Congress, approved May 18, 1917, which enacts that any persons who shall wilfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in a district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year and shall thereupon be duly registered."

A NAVAL BATTLE IN NEAR FUTURE TO PAY RANSOM FOR STOLEN CHILD

Predicted by The German Press--Anniversary of The Skaggeak.

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, June 1.--(Via London) The German newspapers are all printing anniversary articles on the naval battle on the Skaggeak, the impression being quite generally expressed that a new battle between the British and the German fleets is a possibility of the near future.

German naval writers for sometime have been discussing the prospect of the British fleet once more trying conclusions with Admiral von Scheer's armada. Many of the writers have been governed by the prevalent German skepticism regarding the losses of British ships claimed by the German admiralty, but denied by the British and without comment omit ships like the Tiger, the War Spite and the Marlborough from their calculations of British losses. The German admiralty although retaining the names of the Tiger and a battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class, namely the War Spite, on its table of losses, modestly brackets them with the comment "denied by British admiralty."

The anniversary articles are also intended to arouse enthusiasm for the national submarine subscription in aid of families of German sailors in submarine warfare.

AMBULANCE FOR WAR INSTEAD OF FIREWORKS

(By United Press.) Chicago, June 1.--There will be no Fourth of July celebration in Riverside, a suburb, this year, but instead France will have another ambulance. Men and women of the Riverside Association met last night for the purpose of discussing plans for the annual independence program, but the subject "was not even mentioned."

When the meeting was called to order a proposal was made to send an ambulance to the front and it was adopted unanimously. The necessary funds also were subscribed.

Another measure has been introduced under which the government would be authorized to increase the strength of the army by voluntary enlistments and providing also for the creation of a parliamentary committee of national defense.

GERMANY READY TO NEGOTIATE

(By Associated Press.) Pensacola, Fla., June 1.--After robbing Captain John Van Namee and looting and bombing the American schooner Woodward Abraham, six hundred miles from Liverpool on April 22, a German submarine commander ordered the skipper not to return to the barred zone. These disclosures are made in a letter to a Pensacola friend from Michael O'Brien, who shipped as an able seaman on the Woodward Abraham.

PARIS STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 1.--The strike movement in Paris is now on the wane. Of forty odd classes of working people that were out yesterday, 21 obtained satisfaction for their demands and will return to work today, these including the most important lines affected. Only 12 new trades joined in the strike movement.

MUCH OPPOSITION TO WAR TAX BILL

(Special to The Dispatch.) Washington, June 1.--Since the general outlines of the re-draft of the War Revenue bill have been determined by the Senate Finance committee, many Senators today began to plan fights to be made on the measure when it reaches the floor of the Senate, about the middle of next week. Some seek to restore the House increase of surtaxes on incomes of more than \$40,000, and the House inheritance taxes. Others are hostile to excise taxes put in the bill by the committee, particularly taxes on coffee, sugar, tea and cocoa.

The committee late yesterday agreed upon a reduction from 10 to 5 per cent. of taxes on railroad, steamship and Pullman car transportation. A provision for taxing express and parcel post packages one cent on each 25 cents paid for transmission also was incorporated. The committee will consider taxes on newspapers and magazines in conference with publishers and post-office officials tomorrow night.

PORT OF NEW YORK CLOSED WHILE THIS FORENOON

No Outward Bound Ships Allowed to Leave The Harbor.

STEEL NET PLACED ACROSS ENTRANCE

Prohibition Removed Later--No Reason Given By Officials For The Temporary Closing.

NEW YORK HARBOR RE-OPENED.

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 1.--For reasons which navy yard and customs officials refused to reveal, the port of New York was closed today to all shipping and the passage of vessels in or out was physically barred by the shutting of the gate in steel net closing the harbor. The gate was re-opened at 12:20 o'clock.

New York, June 1.--The port of New York was closed at daylight today to outgoing vessels, not even fishing boats or barges being permitted to pass out the narrow. Arriving steamships were permitted to enter. The cause of the closing of the port was not made known.

Shortly after the order prohibiting vessels from leaving the harbor became known preparations were made to close the gate in the net that stretches across the mouth of the harbor. The gate has not been closed in the day time since it was placed in position soon after diplomatic relations with Germany were severed. Both navy yard and customs officials refused information as to the reason for the move.

CARGO WHEAT SEIZED BY SPANISH OFFICIALS

(By Associated Press.) Bilbao, Spain, (Via Paris), June 1.--According to news received from Madrid, the Government has ordered the seizure of a cargo of Argentine wheat on board the steamer Rosario, which arrived here Wednesday. The cargo was consigned to Switzerland by way of Cete.

The Spanish cabinet, the advice state, maintains that it is entitled to take over the wheat to meet the needs of Spain.

TEXAS TOWN SWEEP BY TORNADO

(By Associated Press.) Gainesville, Texas, June 1.--Lindsay, a small town, six miles east of this city, is reported to have been badly damaged by a tornado which struck there last night. Communication with Lindsay, a place of about 150 persons, was cut off.

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.--A terrific explosion of dynamite early this morning in a frame store and apartment building at 1924 Woodland avenue, demolished the building and injured 13 persons, three of whom are in hospitals. Physicians say all of the injured will recover. Police are investigating on the theory that the blast was the result of a dynamite plot.

FREIGHT QUESTION BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSIONERS

Railroads Asking For a Fifteen Per Cent Increase In Rates.

BUILDING COMMISSION HOLD MEETING

Important Business Transacted--State Council of Defense--Commissioner Graham's Report

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., June 1.--The biggest railroad delegation that Raleigh has entertained since the great days of 1907 and 1913 besieged the Corporation Commission today with figures, memorials and petitions for an increase of intrastate freight rates amounting to 15 per cent.

The carriers are having their day without opposition, but the commission has set June 6 for the reception of the protestants, many of whom are unwilling to see an increase of freight tariffs now or later. The carriers were able to put up the best argument yet made. They relied on figures which show such an abnormal increase in the cost of operation. They are not pretending that they have not had business, but the impotency of the dollar was never so notorious as now. They are not asking any changes in the passenger rates. They are presenting figures to support a contention that even the 15 per cent. will fall short of meeting the increased cost of operation and leave a great deficit which must be made up otherwise.

The North Carolina Building Commission, minus Prof. John J. Blair, of the Wilmington schools, in meeting yesterday met the builders of State institutions and went over their work with them.

The commission approved the fire protection heretofore ordered for the Normal at Greensboro and accepted the heating and water plant and repairs of the University. The repairs for the East Carolina Training School, at Greenville, were approved, as were the plans for the new dairy building at Stonewall Jackson Training School, Concord.

The commission continued its consideration of the proposed plans for the Blind Institute at Raleigh and left this for the next meeting.

The State Council of Defense today elected Dr. D. H. Hill, former president of the A. & E. college, president of the North Carolina council.

The council appointed by Governor Bickett a few days ago is composed of George W. Watts, Durham; C. C. Taylor, Greensboro; Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; James Sprunt, Wilmington; ex-Congressman R. N. Page, Biscoe; J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state; Dr. D. H. Hill, Fred Seay, Asheville, and W. S. Lee, Charlotte. Governor Bickett and Adjutant General Royster are ex officio members. The primary purpose of this council is to co-ordinate the resources of the State to be used by the National Government when call is made.

Secretary Daniels of the Navy writing to State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, advises college boys against the abandonment of their college studies until after they have passed 21.

Commissioner W. A. Graham, of the Department of Agriculture, yesterday made his annual report to the Board of Agriculture, which is in session now, chief among his recommendations being the establishment of a division of soil investigation.

Major Graham makes public what newspaper men have been forced to carry in confidence--the great limestone find in eastern Tennessee and leased to the State for ten years. The Tennessee Iron and Coal Company, on the Southern Railway, 61 miles west of Asheville, has leased 213 acres on which Major Graham says are millions of tons of limestone.

MEXICAN BANDIT PAYS DEATH PENALTY

(Special to The Dispatch.) Juarez, Mexico, June 1.--Eutario Soto, formerly a major in the Villa army, was executed here yesterday after conviction by court martial on the charge of buying ammunition for the rebels. He rode to the execution place in an open automobile, gaily responding to greetings along the way. He gave the command to shoot to the firing squad.

AMERICAN MARITIME RECORDS BROKEN

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 1.--May stands as a record month in the expansion of American Maritime interests, according to statistics made public here today covering amounts of authorized capital stock of new shipping and shipbuilding corporations organized. The aggregate capital issued in May was \$47,490,000, of which nearly \$43,000,000 was for shipbuilding alone. The larger figure represents nearly twenty times as much capital stock as was authorized in January and is a gain of nearly 50 per cent. over April's total.



MRS. RENA MOONEY

Mrs. Rena Mooney, wife of Thomas Mooney, already sentenced to death for the bomb murder on Preparedness Day in San Francisco, is herself on trial today charged with complicity in the crime. Mrs. Mooney is the only woman among the nine defendants charged with the death of the nine persons killed when a bomb was thrown into the preparedness parade.