

WEATHER FORECAST. North and South Carolina--Fair Sunday and probably Monday. Not quite so warm in the interior.

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GERMANY PLOTS TO GET SECRET BASE

U. S. HEARS OF BOLD SCHEME TO MENACE THE PANAMA CANAL

Intrigue by Teutonic Government to Purchase Island From Venezuela. AMERICA ACTING PROMPTLY IN CASE Notifies President of Venezuela and Prepared Take Drastic Action if Necessary. Secret Submarine Base Would Endanger American Shipping.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--The German government is trying by intrigue to gain possession of the island of Margarita, off the Venezuelan coast, for a submarine base. In official circles grave anxiety was shown when the information reached the State Department today. Immediately the information was laid before President Gomez, of Venezuela. In secret possession of the island, the Germans would menace the Panama canal. The island is directly in the steamship lanes to the canal and a secret submarine base there would allow Germans to paralyze our shipping. It is about 500 miles from Cuba and 1,000 miles from Colon, and dominates the Southern Caribbean sea. It is also adapted for use as a naval base. Quick steps were taken by the government to head off the work of the German agents. President Gomez is expected to take action to halt activities of German plotters. Although officials of the State Department refused to discuss any phase of the subject, it is known that a pointed note to President Gomez called attention to the fact that any such movement by Germany would be a violation of the Monroe Doctrine. If the Germans gain possession of or use the island the United States plans instant action. According to information reaching the State Department, German agents are maneuvering to effect a purchase of the island from the Venezuelan government.

"BULLET AND ROPE" FOR FOOD PIRATES.

(By United Press.) Chicago, June 2.--The "bullet and rope" will be used on the food and fuel pirates, according to the plans of President Wilson, stated Senator James Hamilton Lewis, while speaking at a luncheon of the Chris Fellowship Club tonight. The President has determined that no such infamies on the Republic in this war as were committed in the Civil War, or in the Spanish-American war by home pirates, will be repeated, said the Senator.

ITALIAN MISSION STARTS SOUTH TODAY

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Prince Udine and the entire Italian mission leave today for a ten-day tour through the south and west, ending with a visit to New York, arriving there Monday, June 11, according to present plans. The mission will travel in a special train, provided by the Government, via Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Burlington, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and then New York. They will visit Philadelphia en route from New York to Washington.

EIGHT CAMPS FOR OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Establishment of eight officers' training camps to train the second class of officers army was announced today by the War Department. The next class of officer material will be chosen from men of more mature age. Preference will be given to men over 31 years of age.

OVER FIFTY THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

(By United Press.) Paris, June 2.--The French and British armies have captured 52,000 German prisoners, including 1,000 officers, since April 16, the war office announced tonight. During the same period, the official statement said, 446 heavy guns, 1,000 machine guns and numerous trench mortars have been taken by the French and British forces.

NORFOLK WILL BE BASE OF THE INQUIRY

(By United Press.) Norfolk, Va., June 2.--Norfolk will be the base of operations for the special civilian investigating committee, charged with ascertaining true conditions of sanitation in the United States navy, of the treatment accorded patients at naval hospitals, aboard hospital ships and in the fleets and navy yards.

WOOL SHORTAGE NOW LOOMS AHEAD

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--As a wool shortage threatens next year, the commercial economy board today proposed that frills on men's and women's clothes, such as frock pockets, flaring skirts, long frock coats, unnecessary pleats, cuffs on coats and trousers, be eliminated.

AMERICA TO PLAY PART MANFULLY ON COMING TUESDAY

LUMBER ORDERS FOR SHIPS PLACED

Sufficient to Build One Hundred Vessels to be Finished at Once.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Lumber for 100 wooden ships has been ordered by Major-General Goethals, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, from Southern pine associations, it was announced today. The price is \$35 a thousand feet at the mill. Completion of the project will require \$140,000,000. General Goethals said: "The contracts for these ships have not yet been let, but in the regular course of business they should be awarded within 60 days. As soon as the contracts have been let notification as to the point where the ships will be built will be forwarded so that the mills may begin on the timbers. It is expected that orders for these sets will begin the early part of June and probably will be entirely placed within 60 days."

NEW YORK TROOPS ON GUARD TUESDAY

(By United Press.) New York, June 2.--The entire New York National Guard will be under arms and on duty throughout the State June 5 to prevent anti-conscription riots, it was officially announced tonight. Ten thousand uniformed guardsmen will patrol the streets of New York City.

WILL RUSH WORK ON THE CAMPS

War Department Makes Definite Announcement of Six Cantonments.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Work of preparing the sites for the six cantonment camps, definitely located by announcement today, will proceed with the utmost vigor, it became known tonight. Impatient at anything causing unnecessary delay, the War Department will push the work with all possible speed. Sites definitely named today are: Atlanta, Ga.; Columbia, S. C.; American Lake, Washington; Ayr, Washington; Hackettstown, N. J., and Linda Vista, California. The camps will be of semi-permanent materials, designed to endure throughout the war. These six camps are not tent camps.

MORE ARRESTS BY GOVT. AGENTS.

(By United Press.) Cincinnati, O., June 2.--Five additional arrests were made here tonight in the government raid against anti-registration plotters.

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Attorney General Gregory Most Optimistic Over Army Registration Day.

OPPOSITION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CURBED

Less Than Hundred Thousand Will Fail to Register, Estimates Government Official. Fourteen More Arrests Were Made Yesterday by Government.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--America will play her part manfully in registering her sons for army service. That was the view of Attorney General Gregory tonight, after receiving word from all quarters that the anti-conscription plotting appeared to be curbed, though perhaps not entirely checked. He felt that the response to the registration will be unstinted and the quitters few. Probably less than 100,000 men will be found to have failed to register as a result of the preaching of traitorous anti-conscription propagandists. That the scattered arrests of plotters throughout the land is having a salutary effect is beyond doubt. Reports from cities and counties today showed that the authorities are confident that America as a whole will be loyal in her response. That there may be sporadic troubles is almost inevitable. The big National election never passes without difficulties somewhere, it was pointed out tonight. Fourteen arrests of alleged anti-registration plotters were made today in Cincinnati, and the round-up of others elsewhere is continuing.

AN ADVANCE GUARD OF MEN IN GRAY ON CAPITOL HILL

Three Thousand Confederate Veterans Already Present For The Reunion.

GATHERED ABOUT THEIR ARMY TENTS

They Are Going Over Old War Times -- Memorial Services at Arlington Today.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--What remains of the valiant Confederate army was royally welcomed into Washington tonight and went into camp in a tented city near the Capitol. Hospitable citizens of the invaded city provided the camp for the boys in gray who have withstood time's ravages. The comrades of the South were two days ahead of their schedule, which calls for a five-day reunion--the biggest ever--to start Monday. General George P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, led the advance into the capital. Special trains from all over the South began arriving at Union station early today, bearing the gallant remnants of the armies of the late Confederacy. Tonight the aged but erect veterans saw the sights. They competed--these heroes of '61--in their once familiar Confederate gray, with thousands of khaki-clad modern soldiers, the potential heroes of '17--who have descended on Washington--War Department officers, reserve officers, cavalrymen, artillerymen, engineers, marines, sailors and guardsmen. Three thousand veterans and as many sons of the veterans were estimated to be in the city. As the sons scattered to hotels the veterans, renewing their war days, sat about tents, far better than they knew as soldiers, and smoked pipes and chatted, unmindful of the curious crowds that visited them. Exercises incident to the reunion will start informally tomorrow at Arlington National cemetery, when prominent Southerners will speak at the annual Confederate Memorial Day exercises in the Dixie section of the famous burial grounds, that was once the estate of Robert E. Lee. A parade in which Union and Confederate veterans will march together will climax the reunion on Thursday. The next day the veterans will leave for home.

UNCLE SAM WILL SPEND BIG MONEY FOR SHOES

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Uncle Sam will pay more than \$7,300,000 to equip the new army with footwear alone. The contract price of 3,650,000 pairs ordered for the new army and navy, averaged \$4.85 per pair this year. Last year they could be bought for \$2.81. Shoe contracts already let by the government for the new army total \$1,770,500.

INDIAN CROESUS TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--The Rockefeller of the Indians--Jackson Barnett--a Creek, with an income of seven times the salary of the President of the United States, is ready to invest his millions in Liberty Loan bonds. Barnett's income exceeds \$50,000 monthly and has been accumulating almost undisturbed since the discovery of the richest oil fields in Oklahoma on his reservation.

BUTTER TAKES DROP OF THREE CENTS POUND

(By United Press.) Chicago, June 2.--Simultaneously with the return of today's indictments, the Elgin Butter Board announced a three-cent drop in butter to 40 cents a pound. Hogs and cattle maintained their present high prices through the week, but sheep showed a steady decline, owing to the refusal of consumers to buy until the prices are within their reach. The grains showed very little change for the week. July wheat closed last Saturday at \$2.11; today it closed at \$2.06.

TAR HEEL HERO HONORED BY FRANCE

Daring Aviator McConnell, Who Lost His Life, Given War Cross With Palm.

(By United Press.) Paris, June 2.--Relatives of American flyers who have fallen on the field of honor under the American flag will receive posthumous honors, it was made known today. Citations just issued give the Cross of the Legion of Honor to Lieut. H. De Laage, one of the French officers in command of the La Fayette escadrille. The war cross with palm is given posthumously to James McConnell, Edmond Genet, Ronald Hoskirk and Jean Dressy, the last-named the French machine gunner who died with Hoskirk. These citations are worded as follows: "James McConnell, Sergeant of Escadrille, 124 American citizen engaged in the service of France. A pilot as modest as courageous, who said often to his comrades, 'So much the better if I must fall, since it is for France.' He found a glorious death March 19, fighting three enemy airplanes."

TRAITORS BEING NABBED.

(By United Press.) Cleveland, O., June 2.--The attention of government agents was focused tonight on the home of Alfred A. Wagenkecht, here, following confiscation this afternoon of anti-registration literature in the Cincinnati raid, in which 12 men were arrested. Wagenkecht is State secretary of the Socialist party and is a native of Germany. Handbills labeled, "Down with Conscription," found in Cincinnati, bore a postscript stating that they were being distributed by the Socialist party of Ohio. Charged With Treason. New York, June 2.--Charles Kronenberg, a Socialist, was arrested today and charged with treason for distributing handbills in Jersey City, urging men not to register Tuesday. Defendant when arraigned tonight, after arrest for anti-registration activity, Maurice Becker said he was not a citizen of the United States, but of the world. He had drawn a placard showing a workman tearing into pieces the conscription law. Louis Kramer adopted also a nonchalant attitude, expressing the wish that President Wilson were dead.

BEFORE SNOW FLIES U. S. TROOPS WILL BE ON THE FIRING LINE

(By United Press.) Washington, D. C., June 2.--The North Carolina Society of Washington will hold a meeting in the Casino theatre here next Thursday, June 7, at 8 o'clock, which will be the most important the society has ever held. Governor Bickett will be the guest of honor and the Confederate Veterans of the State who will attend the Confederate reunion to be held here next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will attend. Governor Bickett and Congressman Stedman, veteran of the war, will make addresses to the society and the veterans. It is believed a great gathering will be on hand to show the "fast fading line" of veterans how deeply they are respected and loved by this generation. The society has leased for reunion week a large room on the ground floor of the Oxford hotel, Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and will keep open house for the visiting veterans and their friends.

DERBY WINNER BRINGS BIG SUM

(By United Press.) New York, June 2.--In one of the most sensational public sales of race horses for years, C. K. G. Billings today disposed of this year's Kentucky derby winner, Omar Khayyam, at a price of \$26,660 to Wilfred Viau, of Montreal.

TAR HEEL MEET IN WASHINGTON

Important Meeting of The State Society in Washington Next Thursday

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Signs That The United States Will Hurry Up First Expedition to France.

ORIGINAL SCHEDULE HAS BEEN MOVED UP

Four or Five Army Divisions to Go First--Regiments of Army Engineers For France Ordered Under Training--Transports Present Problem.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--More than 100,000 American first-class fighting men probably will be battling Germans on the west front months ahead of original schedule. The became a probability today when the fact developed that the army general staff has had under consideration and has about decided on the dispatch of four or five divisions of National Guardsmen abroad "before the snow flies." The idea of such a move has been received rather favorably among the United States war chieftains, though they are confronted with the very practical and stupendous difficulty of securing sufficient transport service. Orders also came to put the new regiments of army engineers for France under actual training. As a result of these two important steps in America's war program the Nation tonight is face to face with realization that the government is down to real, big, active business--that the war is to be prosecuted even more rapidly and with more real vigor than at first regarded as possible, and that the United States proposes to throw a real forceful weight into the scales. Upon the transport question will probably rest approval or rejection of the proposal for the expedition to supplement the Pershing division of regulars.

THE NAVAL BUDGET FOR EFFICIENCY AN IMMENSE SUM

LITTLE FIGHTING ON ARMY FRONT

Patrol Fighting and Artillery Fire in France--Some Progress by Italians

(By United Press.) London, June 2.--A lull on every front in the world war, except that where the tallies achieved a surprise victory against the Austrians, was apparent in official reports. All Field Marshal Haig reported was a repulse of a "part of the enemy," which attacked a British position south of Oppy, and mutual artillery firing. Except for the 400-yard advance obtained by the Italians south of Castagnavizza, there was a lull in this theater. For two days the Italians have been busy consolidating their positions, while repelling Austrian counter-attacks. On the western front the British and French offensive has been held in abatement for ten days. The French have repelled the tremendous attacks, but there has been no fierce combats of masses. On the British front the fighting for two weeks has been of patrols and of artillery, almost incessant, but never involving any great forces. On the Russian front desultory fighting has been reported.

Carrying Millions of Dollars to Be Expended in Various Kinds of Work. HUGE PROGRAM AS MAPPED OUT

Large Sums to be Expended on Increase of Offensive and Defensive Measures of The Navy Department--Much Work Now Under Way.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 2.--Details of the navy's \$80,000,000 improvement program were announced late today. Navy yards will be extended, new training stations, aviation stations, submarine bases and immense storage warehouses for supplies and ammunition will be established. Drydocks capable of accommodating the largest vessels, new gun shops, including erection of the largest gun shop in the world, are included. At the New York Navy Yard \$5,000,000 is being expended on ways for buildings ships, new storage warehouses and doubling the capacity of the machine shops. At the League Island yards, in Philadelphia, new drydocks 1,000 feet long are being built, as well as new ways for shipbuilding, new structural work and machine shops and the largest foundry on the Atlantic Coast. Barracks to house the new increments of the marine corps and other auxiliary buildings are now underway. The sum of \$18,000,000 will be spent at Philadelphia alone. At the Norfolk navy yards another 1,000-foot drydock will be built. New structural and machine shops, water front improvements, including a barracks and auxiliary buildings, will require a total outlay of \$20,000,000. At Washington, \$7,000,000 will be expended in expansion of the naval gun factory. A new gun shop will cost \$2,000,000. At the Mare Island, Cal., yard a camp for 5,000 men is being erected. At Puget Sound, Washington, \$3,000,000 is being spent to provide facilities to build cruisers and auxiliary types of vessels. The Great Lakes training station at Chicago is being expanded to accommodate 20,000 men. A new aviation station has been constructed at Pensacola, Fla. A new camp for the marine corps at Fort Royal, S. C., accommodating 5,000 men, has been completed, also the barracks at Charleston, S. C., for the same number of men. The new camp and training station at Quantico, Va., with accommodations for 10,000 marines is well under way. Improvements have been made in the navy yards at Portsmouth, N. H., Newport, R. I., Boston, Mass., and New Orleans, La. Work is progressing on the big base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where a 1,000-foot drydock is building. Hundreds of magazine storehouses, barracks, hospital pavilions and medical storage houses have been erected, or are under construction. Rear Admiral F. R. Harris, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, is directing the work, assisted by a corps of civil engineers and civilian designers, inspectors and experts. He said today that the program amounts to the practical rebuilding of many navy yards.

MIDGET AVIATOR SHOOT'S DOWN MANY

(By United Press.) Paris, June 2.--Georges Guynemer, 21, the midget French flying wizard, was granted a leave tonight as additional reward for his record of downing four enemy aeroplanes in a day, it was announced. Three of his victims were hurled from the sky in the morning, two of them being sent whizzing in 37 seconds. A third was brought down in a noon fight--the deed accomplished in less than a minute. His record to date is 43 enemy aeroplanes brought down. Thousands of soldier spectators witnessed the feat.