

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina—Partly overcast, probably local thunder showers in interior tonight or Friday.

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HARDWARE MEN RE-ELECT THREE TO DIRECTORSHIP

Closing Sessions of 13th Annual Convention Being Held Today.

COMMITTEES MAKE SPLENDID REPORTS

Complaint Lodged Against Railroads Against Alleged Discrimination Favoring Virginia Cities.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

The selection of Asheville as the next place for the annual convention and the election of the officers for the ensuing years were the important matters transacted by the Hardware Association of the Carolinas, in session at Wrightsville Beach today.

Barrels of work was jammed into this morning's session of the 13th annual convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas in an effort to clear up the work that must be attended to in the afternoon.

The morning was devoted almost entirely to the reading of reports, their discussion, acceptance and filing. One interesting resolution passed was that empowering the executive committee or the convention to change the date provided for the annual convention, and it is extremely doubtful if the 1918 convention will be held on the second Tuesday in July, the date provided in the constitution.

The grievance committee reported but one protest lodged during the year, adding that this had been adjusted to the complete satisfaction of all.

The report of the chairman of the freight committee caused a good deal of discussion, this committee having recommended that the Association was very willing to submit to an increase of freight rates and the report was changed to the extent that the Association would agree to advanced rates, provided such an advance was necessary to give the roads a fair profit on their investment.

The following resolution was adopted just prior to adjournment: "June 21, 1917. Gentlemen of the Convention:—Our committee on resolutions beg to present the following report: "Be it resolved by the Hardware Association of the Carolinas, in convention assembled, that it is the sense of this body that our thanks be and are hereby extended: First, to the good and historic city of Wilmington and her able Mayor, the Hon. P. Q. Moore, for the cordial hospitality extended to our members and the eloquent and cordial terms in which our welcome was made;

Second, To the delightful town of Wrightsville and her good Mayor, the Hon. Thomas H. Wright;

Third, To the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington and Mr. J. G. McCormick;

Fourth, To the Rotary Club of Wilmington, and Mr. George P. Galvin;

Fifth, To the merchants and citizens of Wilmington;

Sixth, To the daily press of Wilmington, The Dispatch and The Star, for the full and accurate reports of our proceedings, which places us under unusual obligations to them;

Seventh, To the Seashore Hotel for entertainment and attention to our comfort, of more than ordinary excellence;

Eighth, And lastly does our committee design to offer most grateful and respectful honor to the ladies, and God bless them, who have graced our (Continued on Page Eight).

BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE AIRPLANES WILL BE NEEDED

For the Modern Hundred Thousand War Aircraft Proposed To Be Built.

TWENTY THOUSAND TRAINED AVIATORS

To Man New War Machines. Latter to be Used in Trans-Atlantic Commerce After War.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—A billion dollars, \$400,000,000 more than previously had been suggested, probably would be required to carry out the proposal of putting 100,000 airplanes and from 10,000 to 20,000 aviators into the war, Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, today told a subcommittee of the House Military Affairs committee. Mr. Hawley strongly endorsed the proposal, saying it had been said that 25,000 aviators could do more toward terminating the war, than 1,000,000 additional soldiers. He also endorsed the Shepard-Hulbert bill, under consideration, to establish a separate department of aeronautics.

"Our Allies are doing everything they can to turn out aviators and aircraft in large numbers," he said.

"Great Britain, according to authoritative reports, is producing 4,000 airplanes per month, and France as many, but they are used as fast as they are manufactured."

What might remain of the 100,000 airplanes when peace is restored could be utilized for commercial purposes, he said. A French government commission now is making plans for such use.

Mr. Hawley predicted that the day of trans-Atlantic air lines was at hand. "We are now manufacturing aircraft capable of crossing the Atlantic and have both the pilots and the instruments needed for piloting them," he said.

MORE RIOTING BY SINN FEINERS

(By Associated Press.) Dublin, June 21.—The Sinn Feiners, who have held several demonstrations since the release of the persons arrested at the time of the uprising last year, brought about further disorders today. Some 500 of them carrying Sinn Fein flags, attacked residences of former soldiers over which Union Jacks were flying. Windows were smashed and police who came up were stoned. Eight men and five women were arrested.

RUSSIAN WOMEN TRAINING FOR WAR

Regiment of Them, Called Command of Death, Preparing to Go to the Front

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, June 20.—The command of death which is the official title of the women's regiment, raised by the twice-wounded girl officer, Vera Butchikareff, will be reviewed today by Minister of War Kernsky. The regiment will leave in a fortnight for the front, probably for the Minsk sector.

The Associated Press correspondent who visited the barracks in Toraya street found posted at the gate a little blue-eyed sentry in a soldier's khaki blouse, short breeches, green forage cap, ordinary woman's black stockings and neat shoes. The sentry was Mskya Skydloff, daughter of Admiral Skrydloff, former commander of the fleet and Minister of Marine. Inside 300 girls were at drill, under the instruction of a male sergeant of the Volynsky regiment.

SIX NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS ARE SELECTED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—The following six divisional camp sites for the National Guard in the Southeastern Department selected by Major General Wood were approved today by the War Department: Anniston, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Greenville, S. C.; Spartanburg, S. C.; Augusta, Ga.; and Macon, Ga. Three divisional camp sites remain to be selected in the Southeastern Department.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ROTARY MEETING

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—The Rev. E. Leslie Gideon, of Winnipee, Canada, was elected International president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at the eighth annual convention here today.

The three vice presidents elected were Robinson A. McDowell, of Louisville; H. J. Brunner, of San Francisco, and Samuel Botsford, of Buffalo. District Governors also were elected today.

Bankers' New President



W. B. DRAKE, OF RALEIGH.

Popular financier of the State Capital who was today elected head of the North Carolina Bankers' Association.

Mr. Drake formerly lived in Wilmington for some time and is at present a member of the board of directors of the American Bank & Trust Co. He has hundreds of warm friends in this city, who will congratulate him upon his election as president of the State association.

VIRGINIA LEADS SOUTH TODAY

Ahead So Far in Work of Raising Money For The Red Cross Society.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—Virginia continues to lead the Southern States in the amount collected in the Red Cross war fund campaign. She has raised \$418,943 of her \$1,000,000 allotment. Kentucky has taken in \$226,583 of the \$300,000 she is striving for.

Louisiana is well on toward the \$300,000 mark and Tennessee is above \$200,000. Next comes Georgia with \$124,685 and Alabama with \$111,213. South Carolina has raised only \$58,018 of her \$300,000 and North Carolina has \$49,016 of her expected \$500,000. Florida has \$51,086 of her \$400,000 and Mississippi brings up the rear with \$2,490 out of \$150,000.

Richmond leads the Southern cities with \$317,000; New Orleans is second with \$271,533.

Chattanooga reports \$60,000 and Nashville \$81,000. Charleston leads in South Carolina with nearly a third of her \$50,000, and in North Carolina, Raleigh and Durham are fighting for first place.

REPORT OF TOWN'S DESTRUCTION FALSE.

(By Associated Press.) Denver, Colo., June 21.—Reports that the town of El Vado, in Northwestern New Mexico, was destroyed by a forest fire, are untrue, according to advices received here today by a large lumber company, that has interests there. Only a lumber kiln at El Vado was destroyed, these reports said the total loss was only \$5,000.

EMMA GOLDMAN HELD FOR JURY TRIAL

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 21.—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, called the two leading anarchists of this country, were indicted here today by a Federal grand jury, on charges of conspiring to induce young men not to register for the selective draft. They pleaded not guilty, and were held in \$25,000 bail each.

COLONEL BRYAN SUPPORTS WILSON

In His Efforts For Passage of The Food Conservation Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—William J. Bryan, passing through the capital today, added his endorsement to the Administration Food bill in this statement: "A government which can commandeer the lives of its young men and call for the money of its older men, should have power to protect the whole people from the greed of an unprincipled few. I am not afraid to trust the President with the powers which the Food Administration bill proposes to confer. He acts in daylight and without a selfish interest. No President would abuse such a power."

TWO WILMINGTON MEN ELECTED BY RED MEN TODAY

Great Council Contributes Hundred Dollars to Red Cross Work.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ADDRESSED COUNCIL

Next Session Will Be Held in Gastonia—Red Men Are Leaving For Their Homes This Afternoon.

The closing session of the 19th annual Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men of North Carolina, held in the assembly hall of the Oceanic Hotel this morning, was featured by the election of officers, naming of delegates to the Great Council of the United States, which convenes at Hot Springs, Ark., in September of next year, decision to contribute \$100 to the Red Cross organization and with statement that this would probably be increased to \$1,000, and with a splendid address by Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, N. C.

A rising vote of thanks was given for the warm welcome extended the visitors on the part of the city and beach officials and by representatives of the two local tribes. Included in this vote was the appreciation felt for the splendid treatment accorded by the two daily papers, The Dispatch and The Star.

The following gentlemen were elected to office: Great Sachem—R. F. Tuttle, of Edenton.

Great Senior Sagamore—E. G. West, of Greensboro.

Great Junior Sagamore—A. C. Garrett, of Elizabeth City.

Great Prophet—Heenan Hughes, of Graham.

Great Chief of Records—W. Ben Goodwin, of Elizabeth City.

Great Keeper of Wampum—E. P. H. Strunck, of Wilmington.

Messrs. Heenan Hughes, of Graham, and J. R. Anderson, of Charlotte,

were elected as Great Representatives to the Great Council of the United States, which will meet in September of next year at Hot Springs, Ark.

The following appointments were made: Great Sannap—B. E. Dale, of Kinston.

Great Mishnewa—F. J. Blackwood, of Greensboro.

Great Guard of Wigwam—W. A. Guthrie, of Asheville.

Great Guard of Forest—F. K. J. Fuchs, of Wilmington.

The 1918 Great Council will be held in Gastonia the first Wednesday in May.

The delegates are returning to their homes this afternoon, after having pronounced the Great Council just closed as one of the most profitable and interesting yet attended.

RUSSIAN MISSION READY FOR WORK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—Russian diplomatic mission today prepared to begin active work on the problems to be worked out in conference with American officials. Among them are those of organization, mountings, supplies, and railroad matters, Russia's chief needs at this time.

BIG SHIPMENT OF GOLD FROM CANADA

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 21.—Gold amounting to \$4,500,000 was received here today by J. P. Morgan & Co., from Canada, bringing the total of the present movement up to \$48,500,000 and making the aggregate imports of the metal from all sources since the first of the year \$443,500,000.

FRESH TROOPS ARE SENT TO THE WEST FROM EAST FRONT

Hurled With Great Fury Against The French But Heavy Losses Resulted

FRENCH REPORTED GROUND GAINED

Teutons Preceded Infantry Attack by Heavy Artillery Fire—French Found Numbers of Dead Bodies on Ground Taken.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, June 21.—The French this morning re-captured part of the positions gained by the Germans in yesterday's attack on the Aisne front east of Vauxaillon, the war office announces. The statement says the battle was waged with extreme violence, the Germans employing fresh troops from the Russian front. Heavy losses were suffered by the Germans.

In the Champagne last night, the French gained ground northeast of Mont Carnillet.

The statement follows: "The attack made by the Germans on the positions east of Vauxaillon was extremely violent. It was preceded by heavy bombardment and conducted by special assaulting troops belonging to a fresh division which has just come from the Russian front. The Germans made every effort to procure some advantages, but they encountered desperate resistance on the part of our troops. Some slight gains which they obtained at first were finally overcome under our fire and the German counter attacks succeeded only in penetrating our first line trench in two places south of Mont des Singes on a front of about 400 metres and north of Moisy farm on about 200 metres of ground.

"Our troops undertook an energetic counter offensive which permitted them this morning to retake part of the occupied ground south of Mont des Singes, where we found numerous bodies, indicating the heavy losses sustained by the enemy. We captured fifty prisoners.

"In the Champagne, during a detail operation spiritedly conducted by us, we made some progress northeast of Mont Carnillet. Here we took some prisoners and captured five aviation machine guns. Four airplanes and a German captive balloon were destroyed in our front in the period from June 8 to 20. Eleven of these machines were brought down by our pilots during aerial combats and three of them by the fire of our machine or anti-aircraft guns. In addition seven enemy machines, seriously damaged, fell in our lines.

"In the same period our squadrons effected numerous sorties. They bombarded notably the railway station of Bendorf; factories of Hayatze-Josif at Moyeuve; blast furnaces at Burbach and in the Saar valley; railroad stations at Betheniville, Chatelet-Sur-Retourne, Rethel, Metzere, Charleville and Molsheim; the bivouacs in Stuppe valley and munitions depots in the region of Laon, etc. Thirteen thousand kilograms of projectiles were dropped during the explosions, which caused serious damage to many establishments."

INTERNED GERMAN TAKEN FROM PRISON

(By Associated Press.) Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., June 21.—Captain Max V. Thierichens, formerly of the German commerce raider Prince Eitel Friedrich, and recently indicted by a Federal grand jury in Philadelphia on charges of violating the Mann White Slave act, breaking American neutrality regulations and smuggling, left the war prison here yesterday in the custody of a Department of Justice agent. The prisoner's destination was not divulged. He lived in ease and comparative luxury here with several Chinese and German attendants.

GERMAN U-BOAT SHELLS LIFE BOAT

After Sinking Steamer Kills Eight of the Crew in Boats.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Wednesday, June 20.—A German submarine, which torpedoed a British steamer, turned its guns on the lifeboats and killed 8 of the occupants, the admiralty announced tonight.

"One of our patrol boats of the British flotilla," the statement says, "picked up fifty men belonging to a submarine British steamer and drove off with its guns two submarines which were still close to the boats in which the British crew had taken refuge the night before. A patrol boat of the same flotilla saved 40 men from a British steamer. The submarine, which torpedoed her turned its guns on the lifeboats, killing 8 of the occupants."

RUSSIAN REVOLT CAUSES BLOODSHED

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 21.—Eight persons were killed and many wounded in a clash between government troops and supporters of the newly formed republic of Kirzanov in the Province of Tambov, Russia, according to a cable dispatch received here today from Petrograd by the Jewish Daily Forward.

The skirmish was caused by the refusal of the new republic to recognize the authority of the Petrograd government.

ITALIAN VESSELS SUNK BY U-BOATS

(By Associated Press.) Rome, June 21.—Two Italian steamers and five sailing ships were torpedoed by submarines during the last week, according to the official weekly announcement made public today. Two other steamers were attacked but escaped.

During the same period 606 ships, with a total gross tonnage of 443,170 entered Italian ports and 531 ships with a tonnage of 481,755 sailed.

TARGET BANKERS END THEIR MEET

Officers Elected This Morning and Fine Address Heard by The Big Convention.

(By Associated Press.)

Officers of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, were elected at Wrightsville Beach this morning as follows:

President, W. B. Drake—cashier Merchants' National Bank, Raleigh.

First Vice-President—James A. Gray, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Warchovia Bank & Trust Company, Winston-Salem.

Second Vice-President—J. B. Ramsey, president First National Bank of Rocky Mount.

Third Vice-President—Erwin Sander, vice president Battery Park Bank, Asheville.

Secretary and Treasurer—W. A. Hunt, secretary and treasurer of the Citizens' Bank of Henderson.

This morning's session of the 21st annual convention of the Bankers' Association of North Carolina was featured by election of officers and an able address by Mr. D. A. Houston, of Columbia, treasurer of the Farm Loan Bank located in that city. Mr. Houston spoke on "The Farm Loan Act," in the absence of Hon. F. J. H. Von Engelken, president of the Columbia Farm Loan Bank, who was unable to attend. The address by Mr. Houston was of a mastery nature and held the rapid attention of his audience from the moment he stepped before it until his concluding words had been uttered. The speech in full will appear in Sunday's Dispatch.

SUBMARINE CHASER DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.) Hull, Mass., June 21.—The submarine chaser S-55, formerly the Gypsy, a 40-foot power boat was burned to the water's edge on Stony Beach last night. Ensign A. J. McKenney, commander of the craft, and a crew of six men, were taken off by coast guardsmen and the ammunition aboard was removed before the flames reached it. Naval authorities are conducting an investigation.

TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR MARINE ENGINEERS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—Marine engineering schools will be started by the Shipping Board, July 2 at half a dozen educational institutions to train engineer officers for the fleet of merchant ships building for the government. The students, Chairman Benman, of the board announced today, will be given thirty days' training at the schools and they will be given practical instruction aboard ship.

Five thousand engineers will be needed for the fleet within the next 18 months, Mr. Benman said. The board is recruiting also for the merchant service, 5,000 masters and mates and will establish schools for training them.

ITALIAN OFFICIALS CHEER FOR AMERICA.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, June 21.—A remarkable demonstration for the United States took place yesterday in both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate when President Wilson's war message to Congress was referred to. The entire Cabinet Deputies and Senators stood up and applauded, the public Tribune also joining in the cheers. There was a fresh outburst when the Italian mission to America and its reception were mentioned and a telegram from Prince Udine was read.