

North and South Carolina—Generally fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature.

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BELGIANS ARE CHEERED BY U.S. SENATE

Mission Given an Ovation When it Appeared on Floor of Congress.

VICE PRES. MARSHALL STIRS ENTHUSIASM

Head of Mission Declares Every Belgian Subscribes to The Principle That "It Is Better to Die, if Needs Be, Rather Than Live Without Honor."

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—The Belgian mission was received today in the Senate chamber with a great demonstration.

The Baron's address said, in part: "You all know the unspeakable evils which have befallen my unfortunate country."

"But Belgium, even in the midst of the terrible misfortunes which have been brought upon her by her fidelity to treaties and by respect for her pledged word, does not regret her decision; and there is not a single Belgian worthy of the name, who does not now, as on the first day of war, approve the judgment of our government that it is better to die, if need be, rather than to live without honor."

"This sentiment will be shared by all the citizens of the great American nation."

"The courage of my fellow countrymen has been strengthened also by the sympathy for our misfortunes which has been manifested throughout your great land."

SUFFRAGETTE PICKETS ARRESTED BY POLICE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—The police today began dealing with the suffrage pickets about the White House with a firm hand.

It was ordered that no banners were to be permitted to be displayed and 20 policemen were stationed about the White House fence.

ROMANIAN MISSION COMES.

(By Associated Press.) A Pacific Coast Port, June 22.—A Romanian mission to the United States arrived here today.

TEXTILE MEN OF SOUTH ASSEMBLE AT THE SEASHORE

Eight States Represented at Opening Session of Convention Today.

PRESIDENT UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING

Over Four Hundred Delegates, Many of Them Accompanied by Their Families in Attendance.

With eight States represented, the eleventh annual convention of the Southern Textile Association was convened in the delightfully cool assembly hall of the Oceanic Hotel this morning at 11 o'clock by Vice President John M. Davis, of New Bern, S. C., in the absence of President Frank E. Heymer, of Alexander City, Ala., who was unable to attend, but who wired his regrets and forwarded by mail a copy of his annual address.

BANKERS PROTEST AGAINST WAR TAX ON BANK CHECKS

Executive Committee and Members of American Bankers' Ass'n Named

RESOLUTIONS SENT ON TO WASHINGTON

Claim Check Stamps Will Cause Withdrawal of Savings and Demobilize Country's Finances.

At the closing business session of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, at the Harbor Island auditorium, Wrightsville Beach, yesterday afternoon, the adoption of resolutions protesting against the government's proposed tax on all bank checks on the grounds that it would tend to cause a demobilization of the finances of the country, the election of members to the American Bankers' Association, and election of members to the executive committee of the State Association were the important features.

The following bankers were elected to the American Bankers' Association: First Vice President, W. S. Blakeley, Monroe, retiring president of the State Association; George A. Holderness, Tarboro, elected member of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association, succeeding W. P. Wilkerson, of Charlotte; Col. F. H. Fries, Winston-Salem, general nominating committee American Bankers' Association; C. E. Taylor, Wilmington, vice president of the trust company section of the American Bankers' Association; F. B. Spruill, Rocky Mount, vice president of the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association; A. M. Dumay, Washington, N. C., vice president of the national bank section of the American Bankers' Association; O. W. Lane, New Bern, vice president of State bank section, American Bankers' Association.

GERMAN THANKS TO THE RUSSIANS

For Allowing Time to Transfer Troops to Western Front—Renew Fighting

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, June 22.—The Russian northern front south of Smorgon, German airplanes have dropped leaflets which read:

"Thanks for the long rest during which fraternization enabled us to transfer troops to the western front to hold up the attack of the English and French. Now enough are transferred. We are going to fight and will fire on fraternizers."

ARMY RECRUITING STILL LAGGING

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—Regular army recruiting suffered another setback Wednesday while President Wilson was issuing his proclamation calling for 70,000 volunteers to come forward during the week of June 23-30. The daily total dropped to 982, this being the second time since April 1 that the figure has been below 1,000. New York led with 147 men for the day, but is still more than 5,000 short of its quota. Pennsylvania was second with 105 and is short a little more

LIBERTY LOAN OVER THREE BILLION.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—Subscriptions to the Liberty Loan have surpassed the highest estimate of treasury officials and exceed \$3,000,000,000.

ARTILLERY STILL RAKING RANKS OF BOTH THE LINES

French and Germans Still at Grips On The Western Front

HEAVY FIGHTING ALSO IN CHAMPAGNE

Austro-Italian Line Continues Scene of Great Activity—Driving Towards Trentino.

The engagement between the French and the Germans, which began Wednesday with a German attack near Vauxillon, southeast of Laon, is being continued spiritedly by the artillery, the infantry fighting having temporarily died down. Paris today reports an extension of the artillery duel eastward from Vauxillon. It was raging last night along a front of approximately ten miles as far as the vicinity of Braye En Laonnois, reaching what the official report characterizes as "extreme intensity."

The infantry battle, after initial successes for the German Crown Prince, came to a halt after his troops had lost virtually everything they had gained. Only one small salient remained to the Germans.

In the Champagne, also, heavy fighting is in progress. After the disappointing result of yesterday's attack by the Germans between Mont Carnillet and Mont Blond, in which the Crown Prince's forces were not only repulsed, but afterward driven from their own positions, they attacked again last night, this time at Teton Height. This assault also failed at Paris, and the positions remaining in French hands.

Along the British front in France and Belgium only raiding operations are reported.

The Austro-Italian front continues the scene of active operations but official dispatches are lacking today to throw additional light upon the situation. General Cadorna apparently is exerting heavy pressure along a wide sector of the Trentino front, where Trent is the Italian objective. The latest announcement from Rome reported the capture of an important height by Alpine troops on the Lagazuoli Piccola, in the Dolomites.

THE GIFT OF LIFE.

Forty million men under the colors, six millions on beds of pain, the whole of Europe taken up with hostilities.

Already many thousands of our men are on the battle fields of Europe making a record with their life's blood—and for US.

In a few months perhaps a million more will begin to cross the seas—many of them never to see their friends again. They go to make your fight.

You cannot exaggerate the function that the Red Cross will have to perform in attending the wounded of our army and other armies carrying on this fight. We will not realize what war is until our boys have been exposed to its dreadful toll of life and limb, to the character of wounding that is so terrible under the system of modern warfare; and until we all go to the bulletins and study the names to see whether those who are near and dear to us have been taken for their country's sake. Then the war will come home to us. Then there will be nothing but the war and everything else will be incidental.

"War is Hell." Never were Sherman's words more true than now. But wherever our boys may go there may be found the protection, the bit of home, the inspiration and the spiritual ministrations that are so splendidly provided by the Young Men's Christian Association.

We must stand behind the man behind the gun. That means conservation in WILMINGTON, N. C.

No more diabolical deeds are recorded in history than the Turks under the inspiration of Prussianism are visiting upon the helpless Armenians and Syrians within their borders, whose agony cries to God in Heaven. Every form of barbarity has been heaped upon them and now they are being starved under conditions too revolting for words.

When we say Grace today shall we not thank God, our Father, that we can send a morsel to other mouths that without our aid shall not again taste bread? WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

GOVERNOR BICKETT PROTESTS AGAINST BARBECUING PIGS

Raise Them and Devote the Price to the Red Cross Work.

LET STATE TROOPS GATHER THE CROPS

Is the Suggestion of Commissioner Graham—Caucic Editorial on Collector Bailey.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, June 22.—Governor Bickett's suggestion to Durham friends who had invited him to a barbecue that they save the pig and put the price of the food into the Red Cross will be an executive policy.

The Durham fraternalists who asked the Governor to come over and eat with them accepted in fine spirit the suggestion. Governor Bickett was merely practicing what Mrs. Bickett has been preaching and practicing consistently. The pig, he said to his hosts, will be a fine hog before this time next year; 300 pounds and more of pork would be sacrificed in the face of a world need for food.

Governor Bickett then announced that he would adopt this policy in all the invitations received by him. Where barbecue is held up as the special attraction, Governor Bickett will ask his friends to forego the meat and put into the Red Cross fund for the treatment of the maimed and sickened soldiers the equivalent of the barbecue. Hundreds of fine pigs are every week slaughtered in North Carolina to crowd stomachs which daily send up prayers against such torture.

Kinston, after roundly swearing at the Norfolk Southern, the Coast Line and Chairman E. L. Travis, of the Corporation Commission, took heart today when the Commission ordered new plans for a union station.

The railroads had presented their specifications and the Commission sent them back. The Kinstonians were red hot about it. If there is anything upon which they felt more intensely than they did this railroad station it was the informal call of Judge W. M. Bond last year and his protracted stay in the effort to find out who were the chivalrous gentlemen who murdered in a mob Joe Black. And if there is anything upon which the Kinston people felt even more bitterly than they felt in that lynching investigation it was the remarks of Chief Justice Clark on chain-gang conditions as detailed in the Mincher decision.

Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, today suggested that since the cantonments in North Carolina cannot be built before November 1, sixty days later than at first suggested, the boys who make up these soldier cities might be put into the fields to gather the excess crops which are to be harvested this year.

The Raleigh Times this afternoon fires at Collector Bailey one of the most interesting editorials printed on that resourceful man since he became a resource.

An editorial in the News and Observer this morning, suggesting that the blind-tiger interests are engaged in an effort to control the city courts through the solicitor brought to Collector Bailey the implication that he should not attempt to boss the city anonymously. The article using Bryan as the author of the suggestion that all editorials should be signed that their authors and the sinister influences might be known, holds the publication under criticism to be using the impersonal name improperly. "Bryan did not contemplate the use of the editorial columns for the purpose of borrowing for individual ends their supposed impersonal strength of influence," The Times says.

The Times suggests that if Mr. Bailey did not write the article he should find out who has mastered his style. At the same time the paper thinks he is on the sheer edge of criminal libel when it quotes him: "The blind-tiger business at Raleigh is well organized. It has a political department, a legal department and a business department. It has a transportation department and a 'fixing' department."

"It is right at this moment putting up the fight of its life to have elected as prosecuting attorney for this city some man whom its legal department can control or 'fix.' People have wondered why there has been such delay in electing a prosecuting attorney. Here is the reason. The legal and political department of the association of blind tigers has blocked every effort to elect a clean, straight-out-and-out reliable man at every turn."

"Mr. Bailey has not openly announced whom he has pitched upon as the 'clean, straight-out-and-out reliable man' to succeed to the position now held by W. B. Snow. If he would do so, the public might be enlightened and the City Commissioners helped in a decision, whether that of Mr. Bailey or themselves."

DRAFT RULES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TWO MONTHS AHEAD CALL

NEW COTTON PEST IS THREATENING THE SOUTHWEST

The Pink Boll Worm Makes it Appearance on Mexican Border.

MOST DESTRUCTIVE OF LIKE INSECTS

Congress Asked For Half Million Dollars For Preventing Introduction Into United States.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—An emergency appropriation of \$500,000 to prevent the introduction of the pink boll worm into the United States from Mexico by creating a cotton free zone 50 to 100 miles wide in Texas next to the Rio Grande, was asked of Congress today by Secretary Houston, of the Agricultural Department.

In letters to the chairman of the Senate and House Agriculture committees, Secretary Houston said that the pink boll worm, the most destructive of all cotton pests, is in Mexico near the Texas border, and that the sum asked is necessary if the country's vast cotton growing industry is to be protected. He pointed out that this worm has reduced the Egyptian crop about one-half in late years.

The insect, the Secretary wrote, is distributed in Mexico much more generally than was at first supposed. It extends through the entire Laguna district, covering an area of some 12,000 square miles. Seed for planting has been sent from this district to other points in Mexico near the United States, undoubtedly carrying infection to those districts. The danger to this country has been heightened recently by the establishment of a cotton seed oil mill at Piedras Negras, on the Mexican-Texas border, to which large quantities of seed infested by pink boll worms are being moved.

Secretary Houston informed the committee chairman that the establishment of the cotton free zone will be done in co-operation with the State of Texas, while surveys in Mexico to determine the distribution of the pest will be made co-operatively with the Mexican authorities.

SOUTH BACKWARD IN RED CROSS FUND

Collections Slow—Only Two States Report Half Amount Raised.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—Alabama and Kentucky are the only Southern States to report more than half their allotment in the Red Cross \$100,000,000 campaign.

The former has reported \$162,434 to headquarters here out of \$300,000, and Kentucky's \$500,000 is pared down by \$257,895. Virginia leads in the amount collected with \$463,445, but its goal is \$1,000,000. Louisiana has \$276,547, more than \$271,000 of which comes from New Orleans. Tennessee has collected \$299,796 out of its \$700,000. The other States have not done nearly so well. South Carolina has only \$87,923 out of \$300,000; North Carolina has \$77,310 of \$500,000; Florida \$88,000 out of \$400,000; and Mississippi \$11,105 out of \$150,000. Georgia's totals are not given, but headquarters announced that Savannah leads with \$34,636 of her \$100,000. Atlanta and Macon will not begin their campaigns until next week. Mobile started its campaign today and that is expected to help swell Alabama's total.

Over Ten Million Men Will be On the Eligible List, Estimates Government. NATION'S REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Politics and Favoritism Will Not Play Part in Selection of Men for Service—North Carolina Exceeded Her Quota.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 22.—Following receipt of war registration returns from Wyoming and Kentucky, making the nation's final total enrollment 9,849,938, Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today that draft resolutions will be ready for publication July 1, two months before the first call to the colors. Details of the machinery governing exemption boards were not disclosed.

In addition to the regularly tabulated totals, 6,001 Indians of eligible age were enrolled. Making allowance for the 600,000 more men already in military or naval service, not required to register, the provost marshal general's office figured the Census Bureau estimate of 10,375,604 eligibles as approximately correct.

General Crowder foresees no more complications with the selection and exemption machinery than was experienced with registration. Secretary Baker repeatedly has given assurance that the selection system will be so fair that there would be no ground for fears that any man will be favored by reason of political or other relations. In order that neighborhood knowledge of a man's work and his dependents might aid in the task of sending to the front men who can be spared at home, the country undoubtedly will be highly subdivided and the exemption districts be small.

North Carolina's Big Record. Raleigh, N. C., June 22.—Complete figures are expected to show that on June 5, North Carolina registered between twelve and fourteen thousand men in excess of the number estimated by the Census Bureau, officials it is said here. Final tabulation of registration cards of white persons, completed shows a total of 139,855, a gain of 4,054 over the total of whites reported by Governor Bickett from telegraphic returns. As 64,700 negroes were included in the Governor's report, it is believed final figures will show a gain of 2,000 among the blacks. Registration after June 5, and not yet reported, is expected to add another 1,000.

Governor Bickett's report placed the State's total registration at 200,932 as against the Census Bureau estimate of 194,068, an excess of 5,966.

ADVERSE REPORT ON TOWN CREEK WORK

Washington, June 22.—The War Department today sent adverse reports to Congress on proposals to make improvements on Town Creek, in Brunswick county, near Wilmington, and on Northwest river, in the northern part of the State. The report shows that the projects are not deserving at this time.

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE TO MEET JUNE 28TH

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, June 22.—A Budget dispatch says that the Hungarian Socialists have received a telegram from N. C. Tchaidze, the Russian Socialist leader, announcing the convocation by the Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates to an international Socialist conference at Stockholm from June 28th to July 8th. This is the first chronicle direct communication between the belligerents.

AUSTRIANS HELD FOR NOT REGISTERING

(By Associated Press.) Leadville, Colo., June 22.—Forty-two Austrian prisoners, held in the county jail here on charges of evading the selective draft law, were removed today by a squad of National Guard troops, after threats had been made by their countrymen here to free them. In charge of a United States marshal, the prisoners were taken by special train to Salda, where they were arraigned and held for the Federal grand jury. A crowd of Austrian friends and relatives of the prisoners followed the men to the station here, singing national war songs and making threats, but there was no violence.