

North Carolina—Generally fair Sunday and Monday. South Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday and probably Monday.

SOLDIERS MAY ENFORCE DRAFT LAW

ROOT SOUNDS WARNING FOR FREE NATION

Back From Russia Head of American Mission Gives Battle Cry.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE AT STAKE, HE SAYS.

Delivers Stirring Address, Calling Upon America to Rally to Beat Down German Aggression—Must Win or Be a Serf of Germany, is His Idea.

(By United Press.) A Pacific Port, Aug. 4.—As sure as the sun rises tomorrow, if this war ends with the triumph of Germany, our people will be a subject nation of the German ruling class.

So warned Elihu Root, head of the American commission to Russia, in his first public address here since his return to America before a gathering of several thousand persons this afternoon.

Root's speech, a tremendous appeal to "sacrificing" patriotism aroused the audience to mighty cheers.

Because it was a diplomatic mission that went to Russia, Root declared that it was not "suitable to talk of the special circumstances or conclusions of the commission."

"But I cannot refrain," he added, "from saying that we bring back an abiding faith in that Russia, through trial and tribulation, will work out, create and make perpetual a great democratic government."

Root then discussed America's own problem of the present time.

"Don't argue about the cause of the war, or whether we should or should not have entered it," he said.

"Realize this: The time has now come when American liberty and justice, the independence and freedom of each of us are at stake for which we must fight."

"Almost in sound of the guns," he continued, "we came nearer to the truth of the war than we are in than we had been before."

"We see now why it is all the world is at war. We see that for centuries we have been building up a structure of civilization. In that course of civilization and freedom our American Republic was born, and all that is best in American nature was given to that cause."

"But we find today instead, that a great military autocracy has thrown down the gauntlet to civilization and liberty. Germany repudiates the rules of morality of nations.

"The principles of good and evil, liberty and slavery, humanity and cruelty, have looked her in a contest. The ideals of this Republic must go down before the German Moloch or those loyal to the ideals must throw their manhood to its support. We are none too soon in beginning our preparation for preservation."

ANTIDRAFT AGITATOR SHOT TO DEATH.

(By United Press.) Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 4.—Bob Fong, secretary of the Konawa chapter, Working Class Union, was shot and killed tonight when he and a band of nine other anti-draft agitators resisted efforts of a sheriff's posse to arrest them.

Four of the band finally were captured, while the others scattered through a corn field and escaped. The encounter took place six miles from Konawa.

Fong carried a shot gun, two revolvers and a big supply of ammunition.

Reports that the rioters planned to storm Konawa tonight sent armed posse from all parts of southeastern Oklahoma there.

Automobiles were pressed into service and the M. K. and T. railroad sent a special train to Konawa to take away women and children if the trouble becomes serious.

RUSSIA WANTS WORLD PEACE; TO MAKE APPEAL

Workingmen's and Soldiers' Congress Decides to Issue Such Plea.

VOTE CONFIDENCE IN KERENSKY

Despite Weather Allies Advanced in the West—German Press Prepares People For Bad News.

(By United Press.) Petrograd, Aug. 4.—Russia wants world peace. The executive committee of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Congress today determined upon a proclamation to the world which would detail the "tragic position" in which a continuance of the war places the new democracy.

Such a continuance, the proclamation will declare, means the wrecking of all democracy won in revolution and asks prayers for world-wide and a just peace.

At the same time that this all-powerful executive committee determined upon this far reaching appeal for settlement of the war, party leaders of the three great Russian representative assemblies met at the winter palace. They were the Workmen's and Soldiers', the Duma members and the peasants. They voted general confidence in former Premier and Minister of War Kerensky. Going even further they declared him "the only man with sufficient authority to assure success of the government."

The commercial and industrial elements flatly refused to join in a new ministry. Kerensky faced the task of forming the cabinet with only radicals and socialists.

In pressing his resignation, Kerensky sent a letter to Vice-President Nekrasov, of the cabinet, which became public only today, declaring "he could no longer continue responsible to the country in view of the impossibility—despite all measures which he had taken—of constituting a provisional government which could cope with the necessities of the present time."

Allies Press On. London, Aug. 4.—The fourth day of storms and rain and mud did not prevent British troops from gaining further ground today in Flanders.

Through the mud they floundered northwest of St. Julien to press the Germans still further back.

Field Marshal Haig reported the day's gains in these words: "It continued wet and stormy. Northwest of St. Julien we gained further ground during the day. East of Messines and Nieuport, enemy artillery was active."

A graphic picture of the other side—the German trenches—was given in quotations received today from semi-official Berlin newspapers. They went at great lengths to prepare their German readers for "grave losses" bound to come in a resumption of the fighting.

"The battle has only begun in Flanders," one editorial declared. "German troops lived in hell for the past fortnight," asserted the Munich Nachrichten.

French troops, located in today's statement as around the Kortkeer river, southeast of Ypres, were likewise locked in the mud.

LONDON WANTS BILLY SUNDAY AND GOMPERS

(By United Press.) London, Aug. 4.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and Billy Sunday, American evangelist, have been asked to come to England to stir patriotic response to various war aims, the London Evening Standard announced today.

The war aims committee was said to be arranging the matter.

The Four Men of the Fourth Year



Pershing! Petain! Haig! Brusiloff! Four great names; The Four Men of the Fourth Year.

This is the beginning of the fourth year of the world war and we find these four men leading the legions of America, France, Great Britain and Russia in the battles for the preservation of democracy. It is interesting to note that when the world war began on August 3, 1914, only Petain and Haig were taking an active part in the war against autocracy.

Petain was a colonel in the French army. He is now in supreme command of all of the forces of France in Europe. Haig was serving as a division commander under Field Marshal French. It was largely due to Haig's ability that the British army—in the words of the Germans—"the contemptible little army"—was not utterly destroyed by the Hun hordes in the disastrous retreat from Mons. The British were outnumbered ten to one. Now the British have under Field

Marshal Haig in France a force variously estimated at from two to three divisions.

Pershing was in the United States. If he ever dreamed of participation in the great war he certainly was making ready for it, for when the time came Pershing really was ready. The sword of the United States has been referred to by the Germans as a "wooden sword," but as the "contemptible little army" of the British developed into a mighty force, so will the

"wooden sword" of America develop into a mighty weapon of steel.

Brusiloff was not heard of until the Grand Duke Nicholas was transferred from the western front in Russia to the Caucasus. It was Brusiloff who generated the great Russian drive into Galicia, and it was Brusiloff who was put in supreme command when the Russian people found themselves and threw off the yoke of autocracy and established a free Russia.

GOV. BICKETT ASSAILS THEM AS TRAITORS

Will Use All Law Possible to Suppress Resistance in State.

BITTERLY DENOUNCES THEM AS MURDERERS

Solicitor and Sheriff Report to Chief Executive Organized Movement to Resist the Draft.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 4.—Governor Bickett tonight, adding Solicitor Siler and Sheriff Lane in their suppression of an incipient resistance of the draft law, denounces the effort of certain people to make ineffectual the law, as traitorous and murderous.

The two officials wrote the Governor declaring there was an organized effort to oppose the draft and to defend with money the men who resisted it. Governor Bickett, answering, recites the law and says:

"We are in death grapple with the enemy and the man who in this perilous hour lifts his voice or hand to weaken the nation's will or shorten his arm, is a traitor to his country and a friend to its foes. Worse than that, he is a murderer."

The Governor declares that he will use all the State and Federal law to put down any treason in North Carolina.

From what Chatham officers said, there is an effort to raise funds from the men selected to and pay the expense of fighting these cases before the Supreme Court.

Many were interested in the Governor's statement, an utterance that did not refer to Dr. Alexander and his reputed speech in Salisbury, but was broad enough to put down any further Alexandrian trouble.

BIG LINER SINKS AFTER STRIKING MINE

(By United Press.) The Hague, Aug. 4.—The Holland-American liner Noordam struck a mine and sank, it was announced today. Dutch torpedo boats saved all on board.

All Aboard Saved. New York, Aug. 4.—The liner Noordam, mined off the Dutch coast, was hove to and bound with between 200 and 300 passengers, William Van Booren, general manager of the Holland-American Line, said tonight.

Cablegrams to the company said all aboard were removed and that the liner was returning to port.

REVOLT AFLAME IN ONE PART OF THE OLD NORTH STATE

Resistance to Law Encountered in Chatham County and Well Known Young Farmer Arrested—The Government Agents on the Alert—Trouble Being Encountered in Oklahoma and Arrests Being Made—Posses Hunt Down The Traitors—Unrest Also in Georgia and Virginia.

(By United Press.) Durham, N. C., Aug. 4.—Anti-draft sentiment in Chatham county reached a serious stage tonight, following arrest of S. W. Burns, prominent young farmer of near Goldston, charged with raising funds to fight conscription. He was later released under a \$5,000 bond for trial Thursday at Sanford.

Opponents of the draft are reported to be arming themselves. Leading citizens of Goldston, while still trying to persuade the anti-conscriptionists to abide by the law, plan to take forceful measures, if necessary.

Federal agents who made the arrest are watching the situation closely.

Reports from Goldston tonight declared sentiment against the draft law is increasing rapidly. A leading merchant declared he heard numerous men of military age declare they would die before being drafted.

Examination of Goldston youths for military service does not begin until Tuesday and the final outcome of the uprising is uncertain.

Burns was active in collecting funds for Thomas E. Watson, editor of the Jeffersonian at Thomason, Va., who appealed for aid in fighting the conscription law through the courts.

Burns' speeches have been repeated by conscriptionist youths who were heard to remark: "The law is unconstitutional. We will not submit."

The majority of Goldston's residents were said to have contributed to the Watson fund.

A more optimistic view of the situation taken by Major H. A. London, a North Carolina Confederate veteran and leading Chatham county citizen. In his opinion the uprising is not serious.

Draft Rioter Shot. Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 4.—Six members of a sheriff's posse reported to Sheriff Armstrong tonight that in an encounter with ten anti-draft rioters, one of the rioters had been shot and four captured. The encounter occurred about six miles south of Konawa. Deputies were expected to bring

their prisoners to the county jail here tonight.

At a monster mass meeting held at Rock Crossing tonight, citizens agreed that the plan of offering armed resistance to any rioting should be continued. The citizens were organized with a leader for each district. The possemen can be called at a moment's notice. Arms and ammunition have been distributed for the arming of all citizens.

At Ada, Robert Wilmbush, former county attorney, chairman of the Vigilantes, announced that the organization would do its work of eradicating lawlessness thoroughly. A meeting of a special committee was scheduled for Sunday, at which time definite plans will be laid for the campaign to be carried out by the Vigilantes.

Six county seats in southeastern Oklahoma tonight reported more than eighty anti-draft rioters arrested and held on treason charges. The backbone of the demonstration, which for a time threatened to spread over the State, was broken when armed posses, totaling more than 600 men, opened a concerted drive on the rioters.

Late today members of the various posses returned to their homes, leaving sheriffs and their deputies to round up the individual members and small groups of rioters. Ten alleged members of the mob were being held at Ada.

At Wewoka forty-two alleged rioters were under arrest. Sheriffs deputies were scouring the river bottoms for members of the mob.

Authorities at Holdenville had made 21 arrests, including that of J. T. Cane, one of the alleged ring leaders.

The only material damage reported during the two days' rioting was the destruction of two railroad bridges and through the districts affected.

Adjutant General Farp, of Oklahoma City, said tonight that all reports reaching his office indicated the worst of the rioting was over.

Governor Williams stated he was confident the local authorities could (Continued on Page Eight.)

ANTI-DRAFTERS GIVEN FAIR NOTICE BY AUTHORITIES

Of What to Expect if Convicted of Offering forcible Resistance to Law.

TROOPS TO BE USED IF IT BE NECESSARY

To Quell Any Disturbances—Keeping Close Watch on Disaffected Districts.

(By United Press.) Washington, Aug. 4.—Troops will quell anti-draft uprising if necessary.

With this official announcement tonight the government warned eligible men reported organizing in Oklahoma, Georgia, North Carolina, Arizona, Washington and Texas to resist the draft that they will be treated as deserters. "Desertion in time of war is a capital offense," said Provost Marshal General Crowder significantly.

"If resistance is attempted the whole strength of the military arm of the government is available to apprehend deserters, if necessary."

At the same time the government instituted a close watch on the situation in the disaffected districts. The Department of Justice ordered its agents everywhere to report immediately any threatened uprisings. Also quiet, determined men in the national revenue bureau who have hunted "moonshiners" and know the backwoods men in North Carolina reported they were keeping an eye on "stuckers" in the mountain districts there.

"If drafted men fail to obey when called, they will be reached and overtaken by the strong arm of the Federal law," said Assistant Attorney General Pitts.

However, officials made it plain that only in the extreme emergency would they substitute force for their repeated boast that the draft was not to be effected at the bayonet point.

General Crowder advised anti-conscriptionists that their demonstrations "are simply futile strokes in the air. There is no field for resistance," he declared. "If men between 21 and 30 fail to take advantage of the opportunity to present reason why they should not report for military duty, it only interests the government as a punishable crime of omission. They will be automatically inducted into military service and from that point they will be under the swift and summary procedure of courts martial."

An intimation of the steps under consideration to reach men spreading anti-draft propaganda was given by the Postoffice Department which is seeking a method of permanently suppressing such publications. One Georgia anti-conscription paper referred to Congress as "crazy" and advised fathers not to permit their sons to enter the war.

The difficulties in Seminole county, Oklahoma, are reported to be aggravated by irritation over delayed government payments to the Seminoles.

TRIPLE ATTACK ON BILL TO BE MADE THIS WEEK

Senators Preparing to Assail Food Measure of the Conference.

REED OPENS WITH ATTACK ON HOOVER

Senator Chamberlain Confident it Will be Adopted—House Takes a Rest.

(By United Press.) Washington, Aug. 4.—A triple onslaught on the food control bill will be made next week when the Senate resumes reconsideration of the conference report.

Senators Reed, Gore and Hollis are to lead the attacks.

Hollis complains that the conference struck from the bill the labor exemption clause of the Clayton law and will demand it be restored.

The movement, headed by Hollis, is recognized as a protest by organized labor against striking out of the clause, and is gaining some support from other Senators.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, predicted confidently, however, the conference report will be adopted.

Reed opened his attack today by flaying Herbert C. Hoover, whom he accused of misleading the American people to gratify a personal ambition.

"He tells that food control has made food cheaper in Europe than here," said Reed, "and then issues bulletins to show that potatoes were selling in London for \$4.99 a bushel on a day when they brought but \$1.40 a bushel in this country."

During the past week, however, Congress—particularly the House—showed real war spirit and advanced the day of the sessions adjournment by prompt action on important measures.

Having conducted itself like a real war body, the House decided today to recess for three days at a time from now on until the Senate catches up in the legislative business.

During the week the House adopted conference reports on the food survey and control bills, the bill to increase from seven to nine members, and the priority shipping measure.

The Senate, waiting for the finance committee to report the \$2,000,000,000 tax bill adopted a National prohibition amendment to the constitution, passed a bill authorizing the government to negotiate with the Allies relative to drafting aliens into military service and talked at length about various subjects.

UNIFORMS HOME GUARDS CAN WEAR

(By United Press.) Washington, Aug. 4.—Home guard organizations can wear a uniform of "forestry green" or blue gray, the War Department ruled tonight, suggesting the following nobby cut: Single breasted, straight front, four button sack, with lapels, having two outside hip bellows pockets and one outside breast bellows pocket, all decorated with white metal buttons with the State coat of arms and shoulder loops; trousers of same material as coat.

BIG BUSINESS FEELS EFFECTS OF THE DRAFT

(By United Press.) Chicago, Aug. 4.—Big business is beginning to feel the "pinch" of the draft.

From scores of factories, meat packers and big corporations throughout the State, today came letters to the Illinois Council of Defense urging that women be engaged to fill places of men drawn for war service.

The Yellow-Shaw Taxicab Company, which operates 800 cabs and employs more than 2,000 mechanics and chauffeurs has already sounded a call for women chauffeurs.

BUTTE FEARS MORE TROUBLE ON SUNDAY

(By United Press.) Butte, Mont., August 4.—Fueled high among hill copper hills, the picturesque mining town of Butte was tonight waiting, tense, for the developments that tomorrow may bring.

Torn with dissatisfaction, struck labor troubles, lawlessness, near-rioting, the city wondered tonight if the funeral of Frank W. Little, I. W. W. executive, will be the spark that will set aflame the smouldering tinder box of hatred.

Four thousand I. W. W.'s are expected to follow the body of the Vigilantes' victim to the grave.