

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina—Fair tonight, warmer; Thursday fair. South Carolina—Fair tonight, slightly warmer.

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300,000 MEN NOW MOVING TO 16 CAMPS

First 40 Per Cent. of National Army is Called Out

BEGIN TRAINING FOR SERVICE IN EUROPE

From Every State in the Union Young Men Answer Their Nation's Call—The Camps Ready to Receive Them.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 19.—Three hundred thousand men of the National Army are today on their way to 16 camps to undergo an intensive training period preparatory for service overseas. Today's increase represents approximately 45 per cent. of the total quota under the first call from nearly 5,000 exemption boards. The transition from civilian to military life was effected with a minimum of delay. In every section, the men called by the individual boards were assembled, placed under military discipline and by the end of their number selected as leader, and assigned to special troop trains. Every effort will be made by the government to adapt the man of the selective draft forces to the branch of military work to which they are best suited by experience and natural aptitude. To carry out this purpose a corps of civilian experts in trade in the service of great corporations in selection of men for special occupations, will be appointed soon to make a similar appraisal of the enlisted men of the National Army, preparatory to the assignment of the men to the special units necessary in modern warfare. Chast has been prepared to be filled out by the men showing exactly their experience and training, and providing, also, for a statement of their preferences as to the kind of work they will be called upon to do. If possible, these cards will be supplemented by a personal estimate of the men by the civilian experts. This can be done only after a rough general classification has been made possible through the card system as it would be too great a task to personally interview every man.

Pour Into Camp Lee. Richmond, Va., Sept. 19.—A parade, led by the forty-seventh New York regiment band, preceded the departure of Richmond's second quota of 24 men for Camp Lee today, Governor Stuart, Mayor Ainslie and members of the city council following the men to the railroad station to bid farewell to them. Meanwhile, thousands from various sections of the State were passing through the city on the way to camp. One of the first contingents to arrive at Camp Lee this morning, was the quota from Louisiana county, which numbered 53 men. Rousing cheers greeted the men as the trains pulled out from Byrd street station. Col. Fitzhugh Lee, mustering officer, assisted by a large number of lieutenants, several of whom are from Fort Myer and Fort Oglethorpe training camps, was the busiest man at Camp Lee today. He is rapidly assigning the men to the various regiments following the required examinations. About 3,000 men from Virginia counties will arrive at camp to-day. (Continued on Page Eight).

ANOTHER TRAINING CAMP IS WANTED

War Department Seeking Site in South For New Cantonment.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 19.—The War Department is now seeking a site in the Southern portion of the country for an additional infantry and machine gun firing school, where adequate ranges can be laid out for rifle and machine gun practice work. Boards of officers are looking over various proposed sites in Texas, and elsewhere, but no recommendations have yet been received. The new range will require between 15 and 20 square miles of uninhabited territory, broken into level lands and also into hill country, so that battle conditions of all kinds can be reproduced for the target practice work. There must be room for a large cantonment at which the troops can be housed; good rail facilities; an adjacent city or town, and an adequate supply of good water for camp purposes.

JUDGE BOYD CITES GASTON B. MEANS TO SHOW CAUSE

Contempt Proceedings Instituted by Attorney For Mrs. Robinson.

NEXT TUESDAY SET FOR HIS APPEARANCE

Means Refuses to Comply With Court's Order to Turn Over Certain Papers and Property.

(By Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 19.—Federal Judge James E. Boyd today issued a ruling, citing Gaston B. Means, business manager for Mrs. Maude A. King, of Chicago, killed near Concord, August 29, to appear in his court next Tuesday and show cause why he should not be held in contempt to court. This decision was made as the result of contempt proceedings instituted by Phil C. McDuffie, of Atlanta, attorney for Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. King, who alleged Means still has in his possession \$60,000 cash, property of the King estate, which he was ordered by Judge Boyd to surrender to the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville. Attorney McDuffie requested Judge Boyd to have Means cited to appear in court here Friday. This, the judge refused to do, on the grounds the matter had no connection with the death of Mrs. King, but was entirely a civil suit, and Means should have time to summon his witnesses to prove he had obeyed the order of the court, demanding the surrendering of property. Papers, the documents, an automobile, jewelry and a check for \$3,000, the property of Mrs. King, have been turned over in compliance with Judge Boyd's order according to Attorney McDuffie, who claims Means has told him and others directly interested in the case that he had \$60,000 cash belonging to Mrs. King, which he refused to surrender.

AN ELECTION RIOT IN PHILADELPHIA

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—A riot today in the Fifth ward of this city where two factions of the Republican party are bitterly fighting for control, resulted in the killing of a policeman and the wounding of several other political workers. George Eppley, a policeman, was shot dead and James A. Carey, a city official, and a leader of one of the factions, was injured and sent to a hospital. Primary elections are being held throughout Pennsylvania today for local offices.

NEW YORK HOLDING A CITY PRIMARY

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 19.—An unusually heavy vote was predicted by campaign managers at today's primary election in this city. Mayor John Murray Mitchell, fusion candidate for re-nomination, is opposed in the Republican primaries by former State Senator William M. Bennett.

AN AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 19.—The American steamer Platania was torpedoed by a German submarine on September 15. Forty-five survivors have been landed by the Italian steamer Andrea. The master of the Platania and eight of the crew were drowned.

THE SITUATION IN BIG PACIFIC COAST STRIKE UNCHANGED

Both Sides Mark Time Awaiting The Arrival of Federal Officials.

HOPE OF SETTLEMENT EXPRESSED BY SOME

Metal Trades Council Representing 15,000 Men Extend Financial Aid to Strikers.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Both sides involved in the strike of 25,000 members of unions affiliated with the San Francisco Iron Trades Council for a 50 per cent. increase in wages, marked time today, awaiting the arrival of Edward H. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and William Blackmon, conciliator for the Department of Labor, who have been ordered here by the government in an effort to settle the controversy. The strike began Monday morning, halting work on government contracts aggregating \$150,000,000. Confidence was expressed by labor leaders and representatives of the California Metal Trades Association, the employers' organization, that a way would be found by the Federal mediators to settle the controversy. An offer by the employers of a 10 per cent. wage increase was rejected by the Iron Trades Council, and the strike followed.

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MASSACHUSETTS HAS WHEATLESS DAYS

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Sept. 19.—This was the first of two wheatless days, a week, prescribed by the State food administration. Responses to the appeal received from hotels, restaurants and clubs, throughout the State, indicated it would be difficult to buy wheat bread with any meal today. Thousands of housewives also have agreed to co-operate in the movement to save wheat.

MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED KILLED

Chinese Town of Amoy Struck Without Warning By a Typhoon.

(By Associated Press.) Amoy, China, Sept. 18.—(Delayed.) More than 600 natives were killed by the typhoon which struck Amoy without warning at the end of last week. Eighty-five per cent. of the water craft in the harbors nearby was destroyed. No foreigners have been reported lost. Outlying districts cannot be communicated with and it is feared great damage has been done there. One village on the island of Amoy reports that only 16 out of 200 fishing boats were saved.

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ROMANIANS MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS AGAINST TEUTONS

WILL NEED EVERY MERCHANT VESSEL

Predicts That Government Will Divert All Ships to War Purposes.

(By Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 19.—Within the next six months, the demand of the American army will require that the government divert every available American merchant vessel, coastwise, and others, to overseas service. R. B. Stevens, vice chairman of the United States Shipping Board, today told the War convention here, of American business men. There is not the slightest danger of a deficiency in the supply either of crude oil or its products, kerosene and gasoline, for the use of the United States or its allies in the war, in the opinion of A. C. Bedford, of New York, president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey. Mr. Bedford expressed that conviction in an address he delivered here today, before the War Convention of the American Chamber of Commerce.

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BRITISH CASUALTIES INDICATE FIGHTING

Generally Believed That More Important Operations Going on on Western Front Than Reported—Berlin Minimizes Air Raid.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Sept. 19, via London.—Violent waves of artillery fire which directed with increasing intensity yesterday upon the German lines between Houtholst woods and Lys, on the Flanders front, developed last evening and this morning into drum fire. Army headquarters announced today. The Entente infantry, however, did not attack. Rumania's army is continuing its activity on the Moldavian front and has won another success. Petrograd reports the occupation by Rumanian troops of a Teuton position on a height near Grozochti. The Russian front proper is comparatively quiet, neither side apparently being engaged in any important operations. Reports from the British front in Flanders continue to mention only raids and artillery and airplane activities. Notwithstanding that virtually all the recent London official statements have been similarly lacking in records of major operations, the British casualty list disclosed there has been heavy fighting. Casualties on all fronts reported during the week ended yesterday, for instance, totalled more than 27,000, of which the killed numbered 4,890. Point is given by these facts to the recent reports of correspondents that, despite the laconic official announcements, the British activities are by no means as unimportant as they might seem and that all arms of the British service are being constantly employed in the process of wearing down the German resistance. The German casualties for specific periods are not so readily available, but observers at the front calculate them as extremely heavy in the sort of fighting now in progress. Berlin minimizes the damage done by French airplanes in their extensive raids last Sunday over German cities in Wurttemberg, Rhenish Prussia, and Upper Alsace. It declares only one casualty occurred and that, while at two places damage was done to buildings, the attacks on half a dozen other towns resulted in no material damage, while three of the attacking airplanes were shot down.

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