

THE DUNN DISPATCH

OVER HALF MILLION JOIN IN WAR SERVICE WITHIN 3 MONTHS

This Number Enlisted in U. S. Army and Navy STRENGTHEN EACH PART Regular Army Reaching 250,000 Mark, National Guard Contains Half That Number

Washington, June 24.—More than half a million men have volunteered in the American army and navy during the period of less than three months that has elapsed since war was declared to exist. The army, navy and national guard represented an aggregate strength of little more than 300,000 men when the war resolution was adopted. Today between 700,000 and 800,000 are enrolled in the various branches of the fighting services and the great majority of them are armed, equipped and under training. They will be joined at the end of the summer by nearly a million men selected for the new national army from the millions registered for war duty June 5.

GUARDSMEN TO GO BACK INTO CAMP

Those Who Have Been Doing Guard Duty Return to Camp Receptor Today Goldboro, June 25.—Camp Receptor, located at the Wayne county fair grounds, is today receiving the finishing touches in order to be in first-class condition by Tuesday, when the Guardsmen, who have been doing guard duty throughout the State, will come in.

Every corporation of any size that has enjoyed the benefits of protection by the Guardsmen has been notified by the War Department that such guard duty has terminated and the troops will be at once withdrawn for duty in the training camps, with a possible few exceptions, where it is considered absolutely necessary to maintain uniformed guards. These corporations have been advised to furnish their own sentinels and guards. Reports to the regimental headquarters in this city show conclusively that no serious attempts have been made to damage or destroy public or private property in the State, and the people as a whole are loyal and can be depended upon. It is pointed out by local officers of the Guard here that with the concentration of the National Guard under federal jurisdiction, beyond State control, the question of local protection will undoubtedly engage the serious attention of State authorities as requests for protection of utilities will, according to their opinion, continue to be made as in the past; that where those who request it cannot provide their own protection it would seem but natural that they should look to State and municipal governments for aid. In addition there to the State may be confronted by the necessity of maintaining some sort of police constabulary force in the absence of the National Guard. Recently about five hundred men were given discharge, who were members of the National Guard, owing to the fact that they had depended to look after their property and the like. It is now thought that if the recruiting continues to be as good as in the past few weeks the Government will be provided with the number of men still needed.

DUKE PEOPLE RESPOND LIBERALLY

Successful Meeting Closes at Presbyterian Church—Other News Items

The people of Duke have responded very liberally indeed towards raising the \$300,000 allotted to North Carolina as her portion of the one hundred million dollars to be raised this week in the United States by the Red Cross. About five hundred people of Duke have contributed and the total amount is now \$611. This comes almost entirely from the operatives of The Erwin Cotton Mills Co. The amounts were paid in cash and raised in two days. Mr. E. P. Davis was appointed Treasurer and has the funds in hand. Other places in Harnett County are making efforts to raise amounts for the same cause and Harnett County will certainly do her share.

For a few years the farmers throughout the Eastern section of Harnett have been growing small amounts of wheat. This year the crop is larger and will make good yields. The Erwin Cotton Mills have about fifty acres already harvested and are setting something over twenty bushels to the acre. Rev. J. K. Hall pastor of Presbyterian church assisted by Dr. J. J. Hill of Red Springs closed a very successful meeting Wednesday night. Dr. Hill who is treasurer of the Fayetteville Presbytery did all the preaching. His sermons were very forceful and much enjoyed. Several joined the church. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rawlings of Wilson spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. W. A. White.

MASON'S REUNION A SUCCESS

Ellis Goldstein Chosen as Head of Class. Mid-Summer Gathering Will Be Annual Event

The first annual mid-summer reunion of Scottish Rite Masons of North Carolina opened in the Masonic Temple on North Front street at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The event proved a success beyond the expectations of those in charge, and is now assured as an annual event along with the spring and fall reunions. Degrees from the fourth to 14th inclusive were conferred by the Johnson Blakely Lodge of Perfection, and from the 16th to 18th, inclusive, by Cape Fear Chapter No. 3, Rose Croix. Ellis Goldstein, of Dunn, was elected president of the newly organized class; M. M. McNeill, of Wilmington, was elected secretary-treasurer, and H. L. Godwin, of Dunn, orator.

REUNION IN CUMBERLAND

One Hundred Present.—Prof. Dalton Called to Philadelphia.

Duke, June 25.—Thursday, June 21st at the home of Mr. Bailey Evans in Cumberland County near Fayetteville a reunion of the descendants of Johnathan Evans and Mary Smith was held. About one hundred relatives were present and spent a very pleasant day. A picnic dinner was served in the grove. The tables were laden with an abundance of good things to eat along with ice tea, coffee, and lemonade. Immediately after dinner the crowd gathered in front of the home and Capt. J. S. Evans of Livingston Texas gave a short history of the Evans family. Many things of interest as well as history of Cumberland County were related by Captain Evans. Among some of these were Capt. J. S. Evans, of Livingston, Texas, with two of his daughters, Mrs. Emily Robinson, daughter and granddaughter from South Carolina. Captain Evans and Mrs. Robinson are the only two living children of Johnathan Evans and are seventy-four and eighty-five years old respectively. Others present were Messrs. John Evans, Bailey Evans, Fairly Patterson, Marshall Williams, John Elliot, Dan Hugh Shaw, Henry Williams, Tom Fordie, Capt. Williams, Peter Williams, Mr. Currie Mr. Dick; Mr. Franklin McNeill, E. S. Yarbrough. Along with these were their wives and children all of whom composed a happy party of about one hundred.

BONE DRY LAW IN EFFECT SUNDAY

Twenty-one States As a Whole and Fourteen in Part Will Be Affected.

Washington, June 25.—Twenty-one States, as a whole, and fourteen States as far as their dry subdivisions are concerned, will be affected July 1st next by the anti-liquor and bone-dry act, which will go into effect on that date, according to Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Interpreting the new act, which he pronounces "a new era for law enforcement," Mr. Wheeler said: "Mail order liquor houses and liquor advertising will be seriously affected. The mails will be barred to all papers, magazines, letters and postals which carry liquor advertisements or liquor solicitations after that date.

DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Raleigh, June 25.—Dried vegetables and fruits that do not taste like hay. Such a product is possible and will be turned out in North Carolina this year by the thousands of pounds. The high prices and the scarcity of the containers and glass jars suitable for preserving vegetables and fruits, together with the necessity for the conservation of every pound of edible products possible, several weeks ago turned attention of drying or evaporating these vegetables and fruits.

FUQUAY SPRING SOCIAL NEWS

Fuquay Springs, June 25.—Mrs. Ed Yancy and son of Newville, Fla., and Mrs. Nelson of Mills and son, Nelson, of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived this morning for an extended visit to their sister Mrs. J. W. Price. Miss Helen Jones of Holly Springs is the popular guest of her aunt, Miss Millie Jones, who is spending part of her vacation here. R. Lee Jones and family for a visit to New York. Luther Sorrell and family of Raleigh spent Sunday here with friends. Mrs. James Edwards and family of Raleigh spent the week-end here with his brother, Dr. J. R. Edwards and family.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

M. K. Parker to W. H. Helder 30 acres in U. L. R. Township, consideration \$265. John L. Roberts Lumber Co. to John A. McLean and wife 4 lots in Lillington, consideration \$375.50. Sallie J. Purdie 1 lot in Dunn, consideration \$900. C. D. Blackman to G. B. Lee 3 lots in Dunn, consideration \$500.

THE MEN FROM 21 TO 31 MORE THAN ESTIMATED

All Returns in Except One New York County and Three Provinces of Wyoming

Washington, June 24.—Director Sam L. Rogers, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce, today authorized the following announcement: "Returns from every state in the union, with Niagara county, N. Y., and three precincts in Wyoming missing, show a total registration of 3,659,322 or 85.3 per cent of the census bureau's estimate, allowance being made for missing territory. The apparent shortage, about 413,000, is considerably less than the number of men 21 to 30 years of age, inclusive, who are estimated by the war department to have been in the various branches of the military and naval services of the United States on June 5, and for that reason exempt from the requirement of registration. This number is 800,000. On the face of these figures, therefore, it appears that the number of men between the ages of 21 and 31 in the United States is slightly in excess of the number estimated by the census bureau on May 15—10,079,000.

Of the 3,659,322 registrants reported as follows: 2,347,794 are white citizens; 868,899 are colored citizens; 1,328,928 are unincorporated foreigners from countries other than Germany; 111,823 are unincorporated Germans, including "Anschloss," that is, persons having declared their intention to become citizens but not having received their final naturalization papers; and 4,891 are Indians. The registrars were instructed by the war department to include with white citizens all descendants from countries with which the United States was not at war, but a comparison of the registration figures with the census of the census bureau of 1910 indicates there has been a general attempt at evasion of registration by any important element of the population. In a few states the registration was far below the estimate, but this shortage was offset by registration in excess of the expectation in other states. Only a few states have enumerated their inhabitants since the census of 1910, so that the census bureau had few reliable data as to the abnormal shifting of population which has taken place between certain parts of the country in recent years, and particularly since the outbreak of the war gave so great an impetus to the manufacture of munitions and other commodities needed by the belligerents. The manufacturing industries thus affected are located mainly in the Northeastern states, and as a result the population of these states has increased with abnormal rapidity at the expense of other parts of the country. Furthermore, the increase and decrease have been very largely in the very class covered by the registration—that is, men between the ages of 21 and 31.

AMERICAN ARMY TRAINING

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NEWSPAPER CHANGES HANDS

O. J. Peterson, of Bernice, La., Buys the Sampson Democrat.

CLINTON, N. C., June 24.

This week's issue of the Sampson Democrat carries an announcement that will be of interest over the State. The former owners of this paper, Messrs. T. H. and Theodore Patrick, Jr., announce that they have sold to Mr. O. J. Peterson, of Bernice, La. Mr. Peterson, who is a graduate of Wake Forest College and a man of deep culture and wide experience is well equipped for the editorship of the Democrat. He has had newspaper experience, being at one time editor of the Lumberton Argus. Of late years Mr. Peterson has been a leader in the teaching profession in Louisiana. He is a native of Sampson County, and his return to the home of his birth is hailed with delight by the people of Clinton and Sampson. The politics of the paper will remain the same.

A. BROWN WALKER, DIES AT HOME NEAR LINDEN

Fayetteville, June 25.—A Brown Walker, a well-known farmer and Confederate veteran of this county died at his home near Linden this afternoon. Mr. Walker who was in his 81st year, had been ill for some time. He was one of the most prominent men of his section of the county and a good citizen. He is survived by his second wife and one son, W. M. Walker, clerk of the Superior court, of Cumberland county. The funeral will be held at Linden tomorrow afternoon.

GREATEST HOARD OF GOLD EVER ASSEMBLED

New York, June 25.—The count of what government officials believe the greatest hoard of gold ever stored simultaneously in one place in the history of the world, consisting of English, French and American coins and bullion that have all gone into the melting pots together, totaling \$765,000,000, has just been completed at the United States assay office here "without a penny found to be missing." It was announced today by Edward F. Leach, head of the settlement committee now taking the annual inventory and audit of the office. Verne M. Bowie, superintendent of the office, said bullion now on hand is more than ten times the normal average of previous years.

RED CROSS KNIGHTS

I will be a Red Cross Knight! I will wear the Sign! I will help the godly fight With the strength that's mine! Some may blow the stirring life; Some may win a sword; Some may give previous life Fighting for the Lord. But at home my task is plain— Not the field for me. Yet with heart and hand and brain Soldier I may be! I may knit and sew and fold; I may save and give Pennies, dollars, notes or gold That our boys may live. Take the Cross and lead a hand In the goodly fight. Children of a gallant land, Each a Red Cross Knight! —By Abbie Furwell Brown, of the Vigilantes.

FIRST SALE OF COTTON BRINGS \$225 AT AUCTION

Houston, Texas, June 25.—A Houston company today paid \$225 at auction for the first bale of 1917 cotton on the Houston cotton market. This was about 23 a pound over the market price. The bale was grown by Dr. W. F. Webb of Lyford, and marks the fifth successive year Lyford has produced the best bale. Its weight was 412 pounds.

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