

WILSON'S FINAL WORD TO THE DRAFTED MEN

President Hails Them as Soldiers of Freedom and Calls on Them to Do Their Full Duty...

"GOD KEEP AND GUIDE YOU"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—On the eve of their mobilization, President Wilson today addressed a final word to the drafted men who will make up America's first great national army.

The President's greeting follows: "To the soldiers of the National Army:

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest solicitude, not only by those who are near and dear to you, but by the whole nation besides.

"For this great war draws us all together, makes us all comrades, as brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence.

"The eyes of the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are, giving yourselves fit and straight in everything, and pure and clean through and through.

"Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America.

"My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test.

"God keep and guide you."

JONES FIRST DRAFTED MEN CALLED TO SERVE

Nine Notified To Be Ready To Depart for Training Camp.

The following is a list containing the names of nine men who have been certified by the local board for the county of Jones to the district board, as having been drafted for military service.

- 11-107-Claude Stephen Powell, Dover. 15-800-Octave Edward May, Trenton. 28-19-Mack Moore, Maysville. 32-182-Willie Beatty, Pollockville. 3-458-Frances Waters, Comfort. 10-126-Theodus Hooker, Dover. 25-187-Billie Jenkins, Comfort. 26-140-John Henry Bryant, Trenton. 33-513-Willie Gurganus, Comfort.

LARGE CROWD AT PARK LAST NIGHT

Picture Season Closes—Wrestling and Skating For Winter.

If the crowd that attended the closing festivities at Ghent Park last night can be taken as an index of sorrow that the summer season is over, the New Bern-Ghent Street Railway Company and the park management have every reason to believe that their efforts to please and entertain have been successful.

As is the usual custom each year to terminate the picture season on Labor Day, it does not by any means indicate that this amusement rendezvous will be dull till the hark of the blue bird makes his debut next summer, for in the course of a few weeks wrestling will have its go and then the skating fair will be on throughout the winter months.



SOUTH GREETS LABOR DAY WITH A NEW FEELING

Never Before Have There Been So Many Causes for Workers To Rejoice.

WORKING CONDITIONS GENERALLY IMPROVED

(By International News Service.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 3.—With parades and barbecues Southern laboring men celebrated today. Never in the history of those who earn their living by the sweat of the brow have there been so many causes for laboring men to rejoice as there are today.

Reports from all Southern cities today indicate that the South has joined in one great celebration. New Orleans, Chattanooga, Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Mobile, Jacksonville and Savannah all witnessed demonstrations. And down through the great Southwest, from where the trail begins at Kansas City to where it ends at Brownsville, Texas, the workers laid aside their toil for one day.

Not alone is the man with the hammer and the hoe celebrating. Their ranks have been augmented by clerks from the stores, factory workers, railroad men, bank clerks and Federal employees.

Until recent years, Labor Day was not generally observed in the Southern States. In many communities the only observance was the closing of the Federal buildings and national banks.

There have been few strikes in the South during the last year and working conditions have been generally improved. Many labor organizations have profited through increased membership and concessions from employers without the necessity of walkouts and strikes.

BAIL IS ALLOWED KNOWLES AND PIERCE

Two Men Involved in Killing of Heath at Faison, Are Released.

WARSAW, Sept. 3.—The second week of Duplin county court began today. In the trial last Thursday of George Knowles and Walter Pierce, implicated in the murder of Mr. Walter Heath at Faison, about a month ago, Knowles and Pierce were released on fifty hundred dollar bond.

RADICALS AGAIN FAIL TO INCREASE WAR PROFITS TAX

Flat Levies of Seventy and Sixty-Five Per Cent Rejected By The Senate.

COMMITTEE'S SLIDING SCALE TO BE ADOPTED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Extreme conscription of wealth suffered two stinging blows today in the Senate. Flat levies of seventy and sixty-five per cent were rejected by votes of fifty-five to twenty, and fifty-three to seventeen. Both amendments were offered by LaFollette.

Radicals were unable to summon to their cause more than the seventeen votes with which they supported the seventy-three per cent amendment Hiram Johnson unsuccessfully fought for on Saturday. LaFollette will offer an amendment of sixty per cent tomorrow and will keep up his fight. But it is now predicted that the sliding scale of the Senate Finance Committee will be adopted.

Bad blood between the two factions was evident from the very beginning of the day. Soon after the debate began LaFollette and Simmons had one of the most peppery interchanges the Senate has seen since the days preceding the declaration of war.

Later, speeches made by the senators from New Jersey and Idaho demonstrated the platform on which the two sides are fighting.

LaFollette fought passionately for his amendments. It was while he was criticizing the committee that the clash with Simmons came. LaFollette said that under the now altered bill the United States Steel Corporation would pay seventy-six million dollars taxes instead of fifty-nine millions in the original.

"Will the senator thus try to hoodwink the Senate," interjected Simmons.

"I will not yield to any man who tries to impugn my motives," cried LaFollette.

While the chairman tapped for order, Simmons said, "I said it, and I repeat it."

"Senators have no protection against such attacks unless they descend to the same level," countered LaFollette. "But senators violating the rules as has the Senator from North Carolina, should be denied the floor if we are going to keep this debate within the level of decency."

LaFollette said he wished to be reasonably decent to Simmons, despite the latter's "very discourteous reference to my purpose."

"I have nothing more to say on that," said Simmons.

"The senator should have nothing more to say at all," snapped LaFollette.

"This is my coming out," remarked the society burglar whose sentence had expired. "Permit me to wish you many happy returns," replied the gallant keeper.

ILLICIT DISTILLERY DESTROYED IN HYDE

Revenue Officers Arriving Here Tell of Arrest of M. M. Armstrong.

United States Deputy Collector H. G. Guley, of Raleigh, arrived in New Bern Sunday from Hyde county, where Friday he and Deputy Collectors Edward James, of Robersonville, and J. F. Lipsy, of Norlina, made a raid on an illicit whiskey distillery. The plant, which was of fifty gallon capacity, was destroyed and the operator, M. M. Armstrong, was placed under arrest.

Armstrong was carried to Washington, N. C., and given a preliminary examination before the United States commissioner at that place. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and was released after giving a three hundred dollar bond.

Drive On Riga Is Forerunner Of Supreme Blow To Russia

TO GET DOWN TO BOTTOM OF THE ARMY SCANDAL

Exposure of Defective Ammunition for Pershing's Troops Stirs War Department

GENERAL CROZIER ASKS INVESTIGATION

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Exposure of the supply of defective ammunition to Pershing's troops in France has blown the War Department wide open.

The exposure today brought a demand from the man most vitally affected, Brigadier-General William Crozier, chief of ordnance, that an investigation be made. General Crozier bot in with his demand just a moment ahead of other forces, which were about to call for a thorough probe into the latest army scandal. Leaders in Congress were among these.

General Crozier's request for an investigation was contained in a letter written by him today to Adjutant-General Henry P. McCain.

Secretary Baker was in Buffalo today and will not return until tomorrow.

The wheels of investigation may be said to have been started by General Crozier's request, but where the probe will stop is not a subject for prediction tonight.

W. M. LAUGHINGHOUSE TO LOCATE IN TYRRELL

Resigns Work in Craven County To Assume Post as Farm Demonstrator.

Mr. W. M. Laughinghouse, who has been employed by the federal government for the past few months as inspector in the cattle tick eradication campaign in this county, has resigned this position and will go to Tyrrell county to assume the position as farm demonstration agent for that county.

Mr. Laughinghouse left last night for Raleigh to spend several days at the State anti-cholera serum plant. He will take a short course in the administering of the serum in order that he may give this treatment to Tyrrell county swine in addition to the demonstration work which will be required of him.

MEXICANS IN TEXAS FLEE SELECTIVE DRAFT

Many Certified to National Army Have Left The Country.

LAREDO, TEX., Sept. 3.—While the Webb county exemption board completed its labors several days ago, when it secured more than the necessary number of registrants to furnish the county's quota of 129 men under the selective draft, it is now certain that many of the Mexican-Americans who offered exemption excuses and had them ignored, but were accepted by the board, will fail to answer summons to military service. Since the publication of the names of 140 registrants by the board several days ago a number of the Mexican-Americans who were accepted are known to have left for Mexico rather than to serve in the national army. The total number of 140 registrants secured included about thirty-five young men who had already volunteered and enlisted in some branch of the military service.

Of the total of 1,085 registrants summoned before the Webb county board, 328 were aliens (Mexicans), who were discharged, while 301 men, mostly Mexicans, failed to appear for examination.

TRUE BILLS ARE FOUND AGAINST DOVER NEGROES

Perkins and Bowden To Be Returned Here For Trial Tomorrow.

PATE-BAIN-HOFFMAN CASE IS THROWN OUT

(By International News Service.)

The September term of Craven Superior Court, for the trial of criminal cases, was convened here yesterday morning, with Judge Thomas H. Calvert, of Raleigh, presiding.

Among the bills passed on by the grand jury was the one in which Lee Perkins and Jesse Bowden are charged with entering the home of Mr. W. A. Wilson, of Dover, during the night with the alleged intention of committing a criminal assault on two of Mr. Wilson's young daughters. A true bill was found against both the negroes, and the case has been set for trial Wednesday.

Due to the rumor to the effect that a mob was likely to do violence to the negroes, they were removed from the county jail to the State penitentiary a few days after the deed was committed, and Deputy Sheriff T. H. Smith left yesterday for Raleigh to bring the men back for trial. It is not expected that there will be any demonstration against the negroes on the part of citizens of the county if they are convicted.

Mr. W. R. Pate and Mrs. Garnett Bain, the former charged with an attempted criminal assault on Miss Nina Hoffman, and the latter with aiding in the alleged assault, were discharged. At the last term of court held here, there were five bills of indictment against them passed upon by the grand jury, but in each instance the jury returned a not true bill, but the presiding judge had the case held open for further investigation.

There were quite a number of cases on the docket against farmers who failed to dip their cattle as required by the regulations governing the conduct of a fever tick eradication campaign, but all of these were not prosessed. This was the agreement reached between the farmers and the authorities at the time the campaign was ordered discontinued until April of next year.

Robert Joyner pleaded guilty of larceny and was sentenced to serve four months on the county roads.

Julian Phelps pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined fifty dollars and taxed with the cost. He was given until next fall in which to pay the fine.

CHARGED WITH MAKING WHISKEY

W. F. Gilbert, Prominent Farmer, Arrested After Plant Is Found on His Place.

Mr. W. F. Gilbert, a prominent farmer of the Clark section of the county and a former newspaper man of this city, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace C. K. Hancock yesterday charged with the operation of an illicit whiskey distillery. The case was continued until Thursday for the State.

The plant was located on Mr. Gilbert's plantation Sunday by Sheriff R. B. Lane and deputies. The Sheriff had been informed that there was a still in operation in that vicinity, and before making the raid he secured sufficient evidence against Mr. Gilbert to warrant his arrest.

BOLD, BAD BURGLAR ROBS POLICE STATION

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—A thief broke open the strong box in the South Chicago police station and stole the money, watches and jewelry taken from prisoners and left there for safe keeping. Then he escaped.

FAIL TO AGREE ON PAVING STREETS OF BRIDGETON

Town Commissioners Reject Bid of Paving Company; Call it Too High.

TO MEET TONIGHT TO CONSIDER ALTERED BID

(By International News Service.)

The commissioners of the town of Bridgeton met last night for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of about a mile of paved streets, and for a time it looked as if the idea of paving the streets would be abandoned. The lowest bid was made by the Georgia Engineering Company, and this, according to the opinion of some of the councilmen, was out of all reason.

After the commissioners had refused the bid, the engineering company's representative agreed to make a change in his bid. The bid made last night was for a twenty-four foot road, but the bid is to be altered to bring it down to a twenty foot specification. A meeting of the commissioners will be held tonight to pass on the bid as altered.

County Commissioner T. W. Holton who is a resident of Bridgeton, was present and made a very fair offer in an effort to have the program carried through. Mr. Holton stated that rather than not have the improved Vanceboro road connected with the county bridge across Neuse river and New Bern, he would agree to do the grading, providing the county will furnish the teams. It is likely that the county commissioners will accept this proposition. Mr. Holton will furnish the labor and have the grading done under the direction of an engineer. By having the grading done, the paving company can take the contract for considerably less than otherwise, and probably with the ten thousand dollars appropriated by the county commissioners, the Bridgeton officials may be able to raise sufficient funds to have the paving done.

These, according to the best informed experts here, are the conclusions to be deducted from the mass of cumulative evidence offered by official and unofficial reports and the political situation as created by two main factors, namely:

1. Russia's flat rejection of all separate peace bids and her unflinching will to fight to a finish.

2. The Pope's peace message. They are in fact more than conclusions. They form the logical road to which a thousand and one shreds of evidence placed together point as the last chance of Germany's military machine, a chance that will be lost by next spring when America will be going "over the top" in the west.

Following then is a brief summary of the considerations which, in the opinion of close observers here, have dictated the campaign now being waged in before Riga:

1. Pope Benedict in his peace message completely ignored Russia. It was this fact which resulted in the Keneraky government's decision to ignore the message. The Pope, however, specifically stipulated the restoration of Belgium as a fundamental principle for peace.

2. Whatever the Berlin government thinks of the Pope's views regarding restoration in the east, it is known to believe that America and the Entente are less concerned on that score.

3. Her dream of the Flanders coast and Antwerp fast dying from the pressure from without and within, Germany is believed to be casting her eyes eastward for prizes of war.

4. Scarcely ten weeks are left to render possible large scale operations in the west. Hindenburg is known to believe the brunt of this year's Allied efforts on that front is spent.

MISS BRADHAM'S BODY INTERRED HERE

Service Held at Grave, Following Arrival of Train Yesterday Evening.

The body of the late Miss Josephine Bradham, who died in a New York hospital Friday night following an operation, arrived in New Bern last night at six o'clock, accompanied by Mr. C. D. Bradham, of this city, who left for New York Saturday morning.

The funeral service took place at the grave immediately following the arrival of the body. The service was conducted by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Calvary Methodist church. The interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

VON HINDENBURG HOPES TO ALLAY ALL PEACE TALK IN REICHSTAG

With Only Three Weeks Grace Before the Threat to Force a Showdown on Peace Terms, The German High Command Has Ventured, Apparently, Upon One of the Greatest Military Campaigns of the War.

RUSSIANS EVACUATING THE CITY TO SAVE THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Riga is being hastily evacuated by the civil population. Three big Teuton armies are advancing on the city from many sides. Prince Leopold of Bavaria is personally leading the main force, approaching from the southwest. In the southeast and west the Teutons are less than seven miles from the city.

To save the historic buildings, particularly the ancient cathedral, from destruction, the Russians are not expected to make a serious defense of the city.

The Teuton triple drive is fraught with one of the most important military and political possibilities of the war.

Germany has ventured apparently upon one of the greatest military campaigns of the war. In the three weeks of grace that are still left to the high command before the Reichstag carries out its threat to force a show-down on peace terms, Hindenburg evidently plans to deliver what every man, woman and child expected of him when, more than a year ago, he was made chief of staff. The drive on Riga is the forerunner of a supreme effort to realize his oft proclaimed, "Russia must be beaten first."

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"Isn't there a great deal of fallacy attached to speech-making?" replied Senator Ferguson. "I have had a number of people tell me that speeches made from a stand—"

highest class.