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## 75 PER CT. REGISTERED IN CITIES BY NOON

DAY GENERALLY QUIET AND ENTHUSIASM REIGNS IN MANY PLACES, WITH THE NEGRO IN STRONG EVIDENCE

## JOLIET NOW SEETHING IN RIOT

Scotland Neck June 5.—At 3:30 the registration for Scotland Neck totalled 282, out of a possible 300 as estimated as the full and total registration of the government.

Washington, June 5.—This nation was kept united for the great world purpose it was meant to serve, president Wilson told the veterans.

Rebel cheers greeted the quotation that "this country must make self government and liberty safe for mankind."

Washington, June 5.—Young America is at the polls casting its vote for world democracy and registering for service.

Reports to the United Press today showed that the registration day opened fair throughout practically the entire nation.

The youth of the country is pledging itself bright and early heavy listing being reported during the first few hours.

No city reported any disturbances during the early hours, and the impromptu machinery, which may call into service at any hour the selected men of the country to fight Germany, is reported to be running smoothly.

Richmond, Va., June 5.—Registrations at the state Capitol from forenoon indications exceed all expectations. Enthusiasm is rampant throughout the city, the day being virtually a holiday.

The negro registration promises heavy, a long line of negroes being lined up all morning. Eligible inmates of the Virginia state penitentiary here are being registered without disorder.

Chicago, June 5.—The middle west went to the registration polls at high speed.

Early indications are that nearly 75 per cent of the youth of the cities had been enrolled by noon.

If there were any slackers they were not in evidence. Conditions are quiet and predicted to remain so.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 5.—Florida's registration reports reflect the generally reported enthusiasm throughout the south. The negro registration is running high.

Chicago, June 5.—Twelve arrests in Chicago in connection with the registration before noon. Ten of these were negroes taken from a train charged with fleeing from the South to evade the conscription.

Joliet, Ill., June 5.—Three companies of militia combined with the fire and police departments of Joliet engaged in a desperate fight with eight hundred convicts in Joliet state penitentiary.

Five buildings in the interior of the prison are in flames, ignited by the infuriated inmates.

Fighting continues with increasing fury.

Raleigh, June 5.—Cloudy weather was insufficient to dampen the registration ardor of North Carolina.

Indications to noon of a normal

## WILSON CHEERED BY CONFEDS

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, June 5.—The Rebel yell heard in Washington in greater volume than ever before when the confederate veterans convention here cheered. Young Americans standing in line to register for war service.

Groups of the "Boys in Grey" were seen at many registration places swapping battle yarns for the benefit of the men who soon may have war stories of their own to swap.

Former "Rebs" who fought so hard against uncle Sam half a century ago did all in the power to make registration day a gig event in Washington.

Little squads then marched up Pennsylvania Avenue with bands playing Dixie and Yankee Doodle.

Thousands gathered to hear Wilson's second speech.

## Program For The Junior Chautauque

Mrs. Bradshaw the expert sent here ahead of the Chautauque to take charge of the junior branch, is here, and with her in this special branch of the work, will be associated Miss Eva Moore.

The program so far announced, which is subject to revision is as follows.

Tuesday from 5 to 6 o'clock, for everybody.

Wednesday from 9 to 10, Play hour for boys and girls under eleven.

Wednesday from 10:15 to 11, play hour for boys and girls over 10.

Wednesday from 3 to 4 boys and girls story hour.

Thursday the same hours will be maintained as Tuesday and devoted to the same purposes.

Friday at 6 to 6:30 a. m. Bacon bat for children under 11.

Friday from 10:15 to 11 play hour for children under eleven.

Friday from 3 to 4 story hour.

Saturday the same as Wednesday.

Saturday from 7 to 8 p. m. Vesper play hour for all young people.

Sunday from 3 to 4 stories.

With the British Afeld, June 5.—Over the rest of the front quiet reigns with the exception of intermittent artillery firing and the desultory popping of rifles.

## LIEUT.-GOV. GARDNER SPEAKS TONIGHT

1. Music ----- Orchestra
  2. Soldiers Chorus—Faust ----- Gourad
  3. History of the Class ----- Uldine Allsbrook
  4. Looking into the Future ----- Luther Purrington
  5. Music Chorus—Voices of the Wood ----- Mendelssohn
  6. Character Sketches ----- Mary Tillery
  7. Last Will and Testament ----- Dewey Boseman
  8. Music ----- Orchestra
  9. Introduction of Speaker ----- Hon. A. Paul Kitchin
  10. Address ----- Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner
  11. Music ----- Orchestra
  12. Presentation of Diplomas ----- Mr. A. L. Purrington
- Award of Medals ----- Chairman of Board

## SCOTLAND NECK ESTABLISHED AS A CHAUTAUQUA CENTRE

### U. S. ARMED SHIP SINKS U-BOAT

(By UNITED PRESS) London, June 5.—The American armed liner Mongolias crew arriving here think they sunk a German submarine, which they shelled. Several other underwater enemy boats were shelled.

### China Threatened With Old Regime

By Ralph H. Turner (United Press Staff Correspondent) Tokio, June 5.—The Chinese revolutionary movement, tending towards the restoration of the monarchy and the enthronement of the "Old Chang" dynasty is still a live issue.

Latest reports from Pekin deny that President Li Yuan Hung has resigned under pressure of the militarist who have established provisional government at Tiensui, Hsui Shi Chang, head of the revolutionists of the provisional government is known to have monarelistic leaning.

The disruption of parliament threatened to block the plan of President Li Yuan Hung to rush an immediate declaration of war against Germany.

Eighty members of parliament have resigned, several members of the administration have fled from Pekin leaving the government practically paralyzed.

The Monarchical movement is further emphasized by the action General Chang Hsun military governor of the promised who answered favorably following a revival of the dynasty, and the belief in Tokio that China will be plunged in anarchy.

### BRITISH SINK GERMAN SHIP

(By UNITED PRESS) London, June 5.—The British light cruiser destroyer flotilla sunk the German destroyer U-20 damaged another in an engagement with six enemy destroyers at long range, the British admiralty reported.

## If The Necessary Effort is Put Forth During The Next Two Days The Chautauqua Will Be An Annual Event

### PLACE EMBARGO ON ALL NEUTRALS

(Continued from page one) Washington, June 5.—President Wilson will get full powers this week to place an embargo on neutrals found to be re-exporting American products into enemy territory.

The espionage bill, containing the embargo provision, will probably be passed by congress Friday.

Strong intimations that at least two nations will feel the weight of the embargo soon to be passed.

### RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH

By Senator Ransdell (United Press Staff Correspondent)

The South is intensely loyal to the Union and no section of our great republic is more patriotic and willing to do its whole duty. This section has prospered marvelously during the last 20 years, and has added to its wealth and mobile resources more rapidly during that period than any part of the Republic. Great prosperity prevails all over the Southland except in portions of two states, and the Southern states as a whole are well able financially and otherwise to be of material assistance to our National government and to our allies in Europe.

Two of the greatest combustibles, cotton and sulphur, come from the south. The sulphur mines of Louisiana and Texas are inexhaustible, and fully two-thirds of the cotton supply of the world is produced in the southern states. These states within recent years have become large growers of wheat, corn, oats, sugar, rice, cattle, hogs, sheep and other articles of human food. So much so that they are now able to supply all the needs of their own sections.

The Southern corn crop of 1915 was valued at \$785,000,000, about \$35,000,000 in excess of the value of the entire cotton crop of that year. Herculean efforts are now being made to produce an abnormal supply of every kind of food and there is no doubt that the South will be able to supply very large quantities of sustenance to every state in the Union, and to our allies abroad.

The coal mines of West Virginia and Alabama could supply the world for centuries, and an excellent facilities exist for moving it quickly and cheaply to the seaboard at Gulf and Atlantic harbors. The splendid long leaf pine and cypress timbers, so essential in the construction of ships, are confined to the southern states. Southern factories and steel plants are turning out every day enormous quantities of cotton goods and steel products of every kind, and if necessary, can double their output in a few months.

### PUT OUR TOWN UPON THE MAP

With a flare of trumpets—with the whole town in gala attire—the stores closed, and the ladies, and other automobilists, competing for the prize that is offered for the best dressed car in town, whether of town ownership, or owned by our neighbors in Hobgood, Palmyra, Spring Hill, Dawsons Cross Roads, or any other place where the women will take the interest enough to trim up their cars in celebration of this great day, and of the community in which they live.

Tomorrow, we say, will be the greatest day that Scotland Neck has known, for it will bring together all kindred spirits, in a festival of co-operation, hospitality, and civic pride.

Much hard work has been done by the president, the secretary and other officers of the Scotland Neck Chautauqua, and, in proof of this, it may, without egotism, be stated that those in our neighboring town stated that the local chautauqua was the best advertised thing that had struck them for quite awhile.

Does this not mean something to you—to all the people of this town? If not you have yet to learn the first principles of city boasting, and civic pride, for after we have made our selves comfortable in this worlds goods, and among some far-seeing men, it is often accomplished before they are well off, the thought of putting their town on the map is the dearest thought.

It can be safely said that if all the guarantors have done their full duty, and disposed of the tickets that they have taken, then Scotland Neck is truly on the map for half the tickets sold have gone to out of town visitors. This will mean that our town will be over-run with visitors—and that is what we always want. Have you done your part, Mr. Citizen? If not do it now. Don't let it be said that you allowed your neighbor to do the work, and then take the responsibility besides. That would not be American, and Americans stand essentially for fair play.

We can hear you saying it, and we wonder if you have ever heard of the array of the talent, such as has been advertised to appear here, being within fifty miles of Scotland Neck, and certainly it must be taken for granted that they could never have been brought into this town by any other means than under the banner of the great educational and musical organization now known as the Chautauqua.

It must be done, there is no evading the issue. The slacker is the one ignoble individual in this country today, and today there were no slackers, and so tomorrow there must not be. The good name of your town and companions depends upon your doing your part to make the Scotland Neck Chautauqua a success.

### FLA. FESTIVAL SCHOOL GROUNDS

You ask what the Chautauqua is. We explain that it is an educational and entertaining. You ask wherein it means anything to you. We answer that if you are a citizen, a self respecting man or woman, who desires to improve and advance with the times, the Chautauqua means everything to you.

Once more you ask, what about the children. We quickly reply that the Junior Chautauqua is the greatest feature yet devised to make the children, children, and to start them on the right road to success, not only in a business way, but also in their recreations.

Now because this feature is called the Junior Chautauqua it does not mean that it is confined to children. By no means. It is for all ages, and all ages, but it does mean that the Junior branch will give you an insight into the real great work of the organization.

Miss Edna Belle Kuhn of White Plains, New York, and her assistant Miss Ethel Scofield are both here to assist Mrs. Bessie Bradshaw, in whose hands the Scotland Neck Junior Chautauqua is placed, in starting off this branch today.

Let the whole town. Let all the surrounding community, and let every person that can see and hear, regardless of age, be on the school grounds just before five o'clock this afternoon, and learn to play, and then play. What an opportunity for men, women, for the dignified, for the arrogant, for those whose hands are never soiled, to take one hour of their life and just grovel. Try it, and you will wonder why you missed a play hour.

### ITALY'S LOSS 160,000 MEN

(By UNITED PRESS) Vienna, via London, June 5.—Italy's offensive during the past nineteen days has cost her 160,000 in killed wounded and missing, and of which 20,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrians it is officially reported.

### COTTON MARKET

The cotton market was closed on account of registration day. al registration without untoward incident.

Columbia, S. C., June 5.—With no single disturbance reported by Governor Manning from any section in the registration of South Carolina's youth well towards completion at noon.

Early listing forecast registration of about 137,000 for the state. The negro response exceeds all predictions. Ten negroes to one white man are reported in some sections being in line as polls opened.