

1—United States battleship Wyoming at full speed. 2—Laon, a French town that is an important point in the German line of defense and toward which the allies are steadily making progress. 3—Miss Dora Rodriguez, who has been aiding the recruiting officers in Washington and will go next to San Francisco.

EQUIPPING THE MANCHURIA WITH GUNS



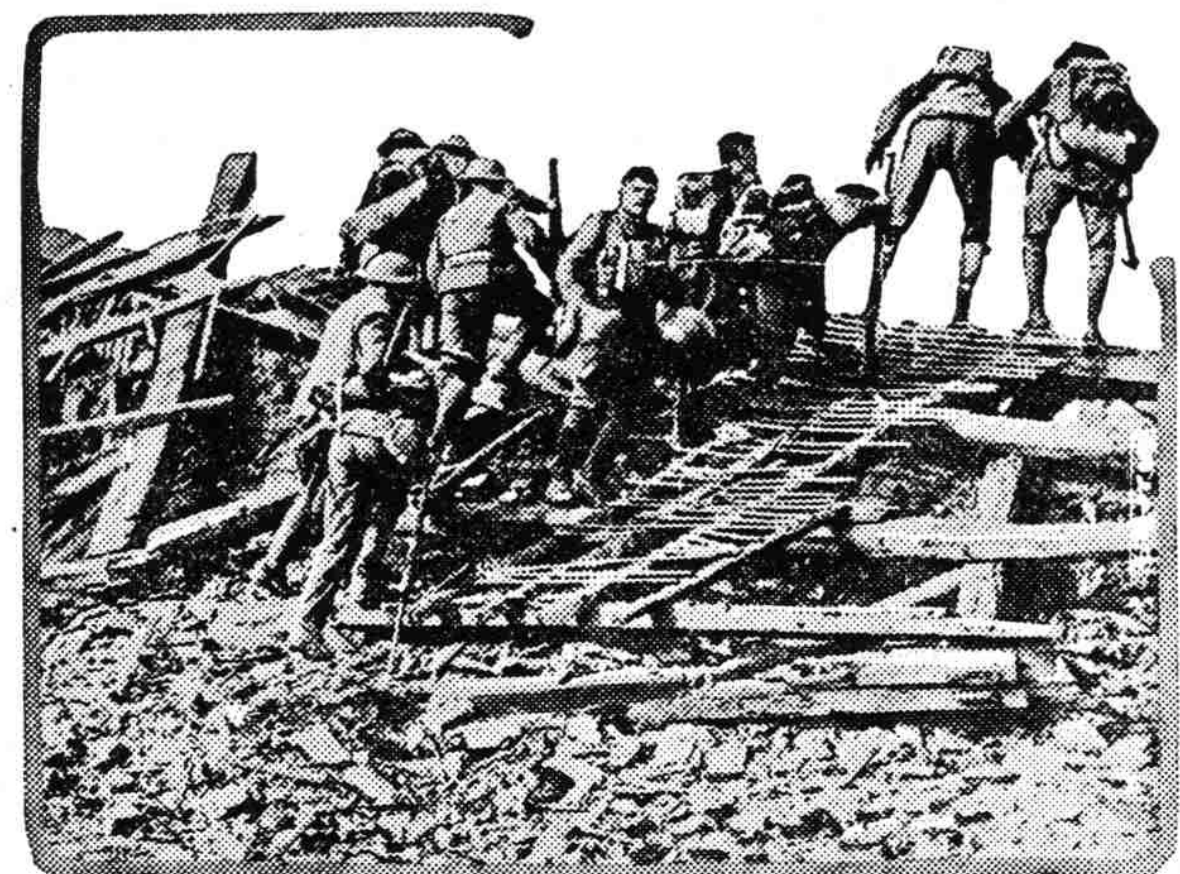
The big American freight liner Manchuria taking on guns and ammunition preparatory to sailing for Europe.

GERMANS STRIP ORGAN OF ITS METAL



So hard pressed are the Germans for metal that as they retreated through the city of Noyon, in France, they stripped the organ in the cathedral of all the metal in its construction.

FIRST TOMMIES TO ENTER PERONNE



This spirited official British photo graph shows the first English soldiers to enter Peronne as they were crossing a roughly constructed bridge into the city after the Germans were driven out.

FOURTH U. S. GRANT SERVES



U. S. Grant IV, grandson of President Grant, has enlisted as a private in Company H of the Seventh regiment, N. Y. N. G. He is twenty-three years old and was born at San Diego, Cal. His father is U. S. Grant, Jr., a retired lawyer of that city. The fourth Grant to bear the famous name was graduated from Harvard in 1915 and has been employed in the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., the New York bankers.

Going Too Far.

"As a rule, I don't censure the type of man who is more ornamental than useful."
"Yes?"
"But drat the chump who poses in a club window as if a sculptor somewhere in the background were molding his faultless lines in clay!"

Great Pressure.

"The old-fashioned miser was said to squeeze a silver dollar so hard he made the eagle scream."
"Yes. You don't see many silver dollars nowadays. The modern tightwad puts a crease in a dollar bill that stays there until it is redeemed by the government."

GOVERNOR BICKETT URGES ECONOMY

RECOMMENDS DISBANDING BASE BALL CLUBS AND INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Raleigh. In an address "To All the People of North Carolina," Governor Bickett declares that with the world war on "we are face to face with famine" and declares that unless revolutionary efforts are put forth to increase the food supply, the per capita amount on hand by next Christmas will be less than it has been for a thousand years. The address follows:

To All the People of North Carolina: The world war is on and we are face to face with famine. Millions of men whose business in time of peace it was to produce are now called upon to destroy. Unless drastic and revolutionary efforts be made to increase our food supply the per capita amount on hand next Christmas will be less than it has been for a thousand years.

The great Northwest advises us officially that it cannot next year furnish us the food we have heretofore bought from it, but that its surplus must be sent to feed the men who fight. In this emergency we are not called upon to feed other nations, but simply to take care of ourselves. We are not required to go into all the earth, but our work is both to begin and to end at Jerusalem.

Much time has been lost, but there is still time left to provide against the coming day of want. We still have six months of sunshine. We have abundant vacant lands. And we have the people to cultivate these lands if they have a mind to work.

I think the farmers are doing what they can. The duty rests upon the people in the towns and cities to utilize their idle hours and idle men in making food for themselves. Let the cities and towns take steps to have vacant lots plowed and turned over free of rent to people who will cultivate them. The teams and labor in control of the cities might well be taken from the present work during the month of May and used in preparing vacant lands for immediate cultivation. The towns should also arrange for the purchase by wholesale of containers for the use of canning clubs and of fertilizers and distribute these to the people at prime cost. Public funds could well be employed in this way and it would be better for the streets of a town to be unswept for two weeks in May than for our pantries to be bare next winter.

I urge every man in town to go into the surrounding country and procure from one to five acres of land and plant it in corn, potatoes, peas and beans and thus make sure provision against want in his own family. Do not expect your neighbor to do this, but do it yourself. I earnestly urge every man in this state who has an idle acre to list it with the mayor of the nearest town as rent-free land for any person who will plant it in food and feed crops.

All forms of idleness and waste of time should be discouraged. I love a game of baseball, but it seems to me that the summer of 1917 is no time for professional baseball, and I think all professional leagues should be disbanded. The man who is able to play professional base ball ought to be either in a trench or in a furrow. And the "fans" and "fannies" who hold down the bleachers can find recompense and recreation in a corn field.

Let the automobile joy ride be given up entirely. Surely this much of self-denial can be practiced by every man in the state. If every man who owns an automobile would cut his gasoline bill half in two much would be saved to meet the necessities of the people and a vast quantity of gasoline would be made available for the uses of war. I am advised that Mr. Rockefeller could in the face of this economy on the part of the people still manage to get along.

We should make a frolic of our necessities and should force our fads and fancies to furnish us food. As the children would say, let's all play at farming this year.

Seriously, men and brethren, let us shake off our fatuous complacency and give ourselves no rest until we know that we and our loved ones are secure from the wolf whose gaunt specter even now looms large against the skyline. Let us work while it is summer. Winter cometh.

T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

Accepts Wilmington Cavalry Troop.

The state headquarters for North Carolina National Guard, received from the war department official acceptance of cavalry troops B. of Andrew, and C. of Wilmington, recently formed. The sessions of the efficiency board of the North Carolina Guard continue here, going into the inner life of the guard with a view to rounding out the most cohesive and well ordered conditions possible in preparation for putting the guard units in Federal service again. The sessions are all strictly secret.

Emergency Is Not Yet Met.

Notwithstanding the fact that the campaign for an increased acreage in and production of food and feedstuffs has been pushed in every section of North Carolina there is a distinct fear yet that the emergency has not been met and that many people in this state are going to find themselves in a very uncomfortable position during the coming fall and winter.

"We know that the forces working in this campaign have gotten excellent results in practically every section of the state," declared John Paul Lucas, executive secretary of the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission, "but we are not fooling ourselves. We know that an increased acreage has been planted in food and feed crops already and that the planting season is not yet past. But we also know that it is hard for our people to appreciate just how much more we must produce than we ordinarily do to make up for what we have been importing each year. We know that we have not yet in sight, either already seeded or under preparation for planting, a sufficient additional acreage to anything like make up the deficit that will be caused by the withdrawal for military purposes of the huge amount of food and feed supplies we have been importing from the West and other sections.

"I believe that our farmers, as a general thing, are going to do their utmost to meet the situation. We have many opportunities of observing this. They are rallying nobly. From almost every county we have reports of farmers who realize that in this fight to the death the farmer occupies a strategic position and are acting accordingly. One farmer in Moore county had 100 acres of land prepared for cotton. Ninety acres of that land was planted in corn instead. An Edgecombe county farmer seized 12 acres of land of one of his tenants had prepared for cotton and planted it for his tenant in corn. We have urged a reasonable reduction in the tobacco and cotton acreage and have secured some reduction, but we must look mostly to the extra acres that will be cultivated and to the increased production per acre as a result of good tillage methods and heavier fertilization for the greatest results."

Building Funds Apportioned.

The State Building Commission in session here authorized the expenditure of practically \$100,000 of bond issue funds for permanent improvement in state institutions. Only three members of the commission were in session here. They were Mr. R. F. Dalton of Greensboro chairman, Mr. J. H. Bridgers of Henderson secretary, and Mr. D. W. Patrick of Snow Hill.

The commission determined that all institutions receiving funds from the proceeds of the bond issue should file with the commission preliminary statements of what they propose to build, the purpose of the building, the general description, materials to be used. It was decided that all plans and sketches submitted by the architects, engineers and contractors for the various boards and institutions whose buildings, improvements and additions come under the supervision of the building commission, shall be submitted to the building commission with recommendations of the superintendents and board. The commission adjourned to meet against May 31 at 10:30.

One of the largest single appropriations authorized was that of \$40,000 to be spent with the approval of the Insurance Commissioner for installation of fire protection apparatus at the various state institutions.

Other appropriations were: State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, \$5,000 for boiler and deep well heretofore contracted and \$20,000 for waterworks system, fire protection, sewer and sewage disposal plant. Eastern State Hospital, \$13,844 for steel water tank, coal trestle, addition to kitchen, and canning plant.

Test Farm Crops Are Fine.

Commissioner W. A. Graham, of the department of agriculture, returned from a visit to the state test farm in the black lands of Hyde county, and says that he found crop conditions in that section the finest he ever saw anywhere. He saw two huge fields of Irish potatoes of 350 acres each, nearly ready to dig. The potato crop all through that section is fine. The cultivation of these black drained lands, he says, is marvelous in many respects. He found men who had paid \$40 per acre for these lands, cleaned them out and put them in cultivation by planting corn with sticks in unbroken lands and raised a crop that paid for the land the first year.

Governor Bickett Grants Pardon.

Governor Bickett granted a pardon for Claudius G. Buffkin, Bladen county, who has served seven years of a thirty years' sentence for second degree murder. He has made a good prisoner and his health is greatly improved. Very many of the best people in the section where the killing occurred urged the pardon.

Save the Hogs from Cholera.

Write to the state department of agriculture for a bulletin on hog cholera symptoms and the control of the disease by means of the hog cholera serum. In this time of high prices of meat and the certainty that these prices will continue or even increase later in the fall no one should lose a single hog. Hog cholera is one of the most deadly and costly animal diseases with which the farmer has to contend and he should lose no opportunity of acquainting himself with the methods of its control.

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Explosion Averted.

"I hear you have been a very sick man," said the manager of the garage. "Yessur," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "Dey mos' despaired of my recovery. But I never had no doubt about it myself. I jes' had to get well."

"Well, suh, I knowed I wasn't good enough to go to heaven. An' workin' in dis garage has got me soaked so chockful o' gasoline, dar wasn't a chance of deir wantin' me aroun' de other place."

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Back to the Soil.

The young k-kut, unit for general service, volunteered for work on the land. He went down to his father's "place" and began "farming." A friend passing that way spied him in leggings and Norfolk jacket striding across a wide stretch of moorland. He hailed him.

"Hallo, Smutty!" he cried as he came up. "What are you doing in this forsaken land?"

"Farming. I've gone back to the land."
"Any good at it?" grinned the friend. "I should think so! See this piece of moorland? Before I came it was going to waste—no use at all; but with a lot of work I've turned it into a rippin' golf links."—New York Globe.

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