

OCTOBER 9 IS FIRE PREVENTION DAY

COMMISSIONER YOUNG IS URGING EVERY CITIZEN TO EXAMINE HIS PREMISES.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

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

Raleigh.

Only about six weeks now intervene before the day appointed by law in North Carolina as Fire Prevention Day. James R. Young, Commissioner of Insurance, is urging that necessity of a strict and careful observance of this day in this year is manifest. Conservation is on the lips of every patriotic citizen in the state. America has her hands full this year, with an enemy outside her borders. It is up to the citizens at home to see that no great damage to life and property can come to us from our own neglect.

It is the intention of the law in this special Fire Prevention Day, which is October 9th, to set apart a day when every citizen will look into the condition of his premises and remove the things that make for danger. The day is set apart at this season of the year when the time draws near for the starting of the winter fires. The "limbering up" of heating systems that have laid idle all summer begins. You don't know what may have happened to yours during the summer months. Have an expert go over the system when you get ready to turn it on, and see that there are no hazards there. There services of an expert to do this little bit of inspection may cost you two or three dollars. The saving of this fee might cost you your home or your business.

You are going to start fires in stoves and fireplaces about this time. Take a look at the flues and see what the conditions are. It may be a little trouble, but it's worth the effort.

Look at the rear of stores and business blocks in your town, whether it's your property or not—it's your town. There may be an accumulation of rubbish in the back lots and the starting of fires in the store buildings may burn some soot in a dirty flue. A little wind, a little spark, the backlot rubbish—and thousands of dollars go up in smoke. Another thing: suppose a small fire starts—you know they're all small at first—there is a lot of rubbish in a back lot nearby, boxes, bits of broken glass, pieces of board with nails in them, a fireman steps on this, is cut, blood poisoning occurs. You'd hate to think you caused that, wouldn't you?

Look the ground over thoroughly on Fire Prevention Day. That is what this day is set apart for. Clean up your premises thoroughly, inside and out. Tell your neighbor about it. If he does not take an interest in the matter, make him clean up. The law is on your side.

On the Service of the State.

The gathering of practically 600 boys and girls at the Short Course held at the College of Agriculture and Engineering proves again that the work of the Agricultural Extension Service, conducted jointly by the college and the State Department of Agriculture, is more than justifying its existence. It is not believed that another state in the union has had such an attendance on any short course given at their state college of agriculture. Looking for an attendance of about two or three hundred, the authorities were surprised when train after train came in loaded with members of the agricultural clubs coming to join their fellows for a week of inspirational work and fun.

Wednesday, 17th, is Woman's Day.

The woman's building committee appointed by President R. O. Everst at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the State Fair Association, decided to have the dedicatory exercises for the new woman's building at the fair grounds on Wednesday, October 17, and to invite Congressman Jeannette Rankin of Montana to deliver the principal address on the occasion. The meeting of the committee was in the office of Judge R. W. Winston.

An invitation has already been extended to Congressman Rankin to speak in Raleigh on this occasion and it is thought that she will accept. Other speakers will also make addresses on the occasion of dedicating the new building.

Poultry Clubs Show Results.

After inspecting several large farms on which poultry club work has been conducted for the last two years, Mr. Allen G. Oliver, poultry club agent of the extension service, states that wonderful improvement has been noticed in the way the poultry is being handled, improved, and looked after. The farm flocks are being given better care and are being better fed this year than at any previous time in the history of the work. This is largely true because of the practical methods advocated by the poultry club office.

Governor for Red Cross Work.

Governor Bickett took a hand in furthering the movement by the Tobacco Association of the United States, headquarters at Richmond, Va., looking to the inducement of every tobacco grower to contribute to the Red Cross fund for war relief, the proceeds of the sale of one pile of leaf tobacco sold on the warehouse floor. The governor wrote personal letters to each of the designated leaders in this movement in the various tobacco growing sections of the state endorsing most heartily the plan of the Tobacco Association of the United States, as promulgated by President T. M. Carrington, Richmond, Va., and expressing the hope that the North Carolina tobacco growers and warehousemen will do their full share in the successful carrying out of the movement.

In his letter to the committeemen, Governor Bickett, after speaking of the resolution recently adopted embracing the plans says: "I desire to commend most heartily this resolution, also the plan outlined by the Tobacco Association by which it is hoped that thousands of dollars will be raised for this worthy cause. Permit me also to urge that you give to this cause your wholehearted and enthusiastic co-operation. I am sure, if you will do this, you can make it count for much in your section of the state."

The representatives named at the various markets are:

W. T. Clarke, Wilson; E. B. Picklen, Greenville; Edgar W. Smith, Rocky Mount; E. V. Webb, Kinston; G. A. Jones, Farmville; —, —, Dance, Goldsboro; Charlie Jones, LaGrange; James Exom, Snow Hill; A. L. Curl, Ayden; John H. Carter, Warsaw; Clyde B. Alstin, Richlands; John Goode, Ahoskie; Harry Penn, Madison; J. D. McDearman, Spring Hope; A. S. Smith, Elkirk; J. I. Smith, New Bern.

List of Chairmen (Tobacco) Red Cross

W. A. Jamison, Oxford; S. W. Venable, Durham; E. D. Wott, Reidsville; B. F. Sparger, Mt. Airy; W. T. Clary, Greensboro; J. K. Norfleet, Winston-Salem; C. B. Cheatham, Henderson.

Physicians Under Thirty-two Drafted.

Physicians under thirty-two years of age are amenable to the draft for soldiers, according to information received from the War Department at Washington. As the law now stands every physician who is physically fit and under thirty-two years of age is a drafted man whether his name has been called or not.

The need of young physicians in the army is imperative. Major Joseph C. Bloodgood, chairman of the Southern Committee on National Defense, says: "Every physically fit doctor thirty-one years old owes it to his country to be in the Medical Reserve Corps. As a matter of fact, he is a drafted man whether his number has been called or not." The army calls for young physicians for two reasons: they can stand the strain of army life better than the older men, and, as a whole they are not held by so many family and financial obligations.

Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, chairman of the State Committee on National Defense, Medical Section, will upon request furnish suitable blanks for making application in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. North Carolina has not yet given her quota though she ranks ahead of the average state in the number of medical men she has furnished the army.

Control Cotton Anthracnose.

Each year along about this time the agricultural experiment station of the college and department of agriculture receives a number of specimens of diseased cotton bolls. These bolls are more or less affected with a fungus disease known as "boll-rot" or anthracnose. It is a disease which is spread by seed having been obtained from rotten or half-rotten bolls the previous fall. Hence, it may be seen that to properly control it the seed must be free from disease. As it first appears the boll has a small pinkish looking rotter spot which entirely destroys certain bolls and leaves others partially destroyed. When the seed is saved from partially rotted bolls it has within it the fungus and when the seed is planted it will produce plants bearing the "boll-rot."

From this it may be seen that the disease is controlled by planting disease-free seed. But it also has been found that the disease will live over in old stalks and bolls left in the field. Where cotton is to be planted on the same field the next year these stalks and bolls should be plowed under at least six inches. By far the best plan, however, is to rotate the crop, putting no cotton on the same land each year.

Where disease-free seed cannot be obtained in the neighborhood it is a good idea to go into the field and select such bolls as are not affected and save the seed for next year's planting. According to Dr. F. A. Wolf, plant pathologist, this should be done even if there is time to select only a small amount of bolls. By planting these separately in a small plot enough will be saved to make a patch free from anthracnose disease.

East is Peanut Section.

The eastern part of North Carolina has come to be a section noted for the production of peanuts. The majority of farmers in this section grow these as a commercial crop. Those who grow the large varieties of peanuts know that a heavy percentage of the crop is left in the ground. There is only one possible way of making use of this waste and that is by employing hogs. As a matter of fact, the hog business has followed the peanut business but this year there is not enough hogs to eat them.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This States That Are of Interest to All the People.

The Concord Daily Tribune press-room was entirely destroyed by fire a few nights ago.

The First North Carolina Motor Truck Company No. 65, has arrived at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Young men leaving North Carolina to go into the National Army camps should register before leaving if they expect to vote in state elections while away.

It is estimated that 10,000 people attended Ball's Creek camp meeting at Newton Sunday. There were 3,000 automobiles on the grounds.

John Houser, a prominent farmer who lives near Cherryville, dropped dead in a physician's office in Cherryville. He was in apparent good health.

J. A. Williford, while mowing hay on his brother's farm two miles from Aulander, was caught by a mowing machine and his leg was seriously crushed.

Joey was at the circus and intently watching the acrobats, when he started all around by exclaiming: "Mamma, isn't it terrible for those ladies to come out in their pink underwear."

R. S. Sloan, of Kenansville, who has been in the office of Senator Simmons for months, has joined the army field service and is secretary to Colonel Brown, of the 48th Division.

Various cream cooling devices are now being studied at the Mooresville Co-operative Creamery by Mr. W. H. Eaton, Office of Dairy Experimentation, North Carolina Experiment Station.

Sigfried Sonneck, one of the Germans interned at Hot Springs, escaped, according to a message from that point to the office of the United States marshal at Asheville and a general alarm has been sent out for him.

Representative Hood announced a few days ago that a mobilization camp will be established at Morehead City if the war department finds that sleeping facilities can be found there. He expressed a belief that one of the hotels can be used for that purpose.

The Field Hospital corps of North Carolina, which has been encamped at Asheville for the past two weeks has arrived at Camp Sevier and set up tents at the camp which has been provided for them. Eighty-seven men strong, the company left Asheville at nine o'clock in the morning and made the trip without mishap.

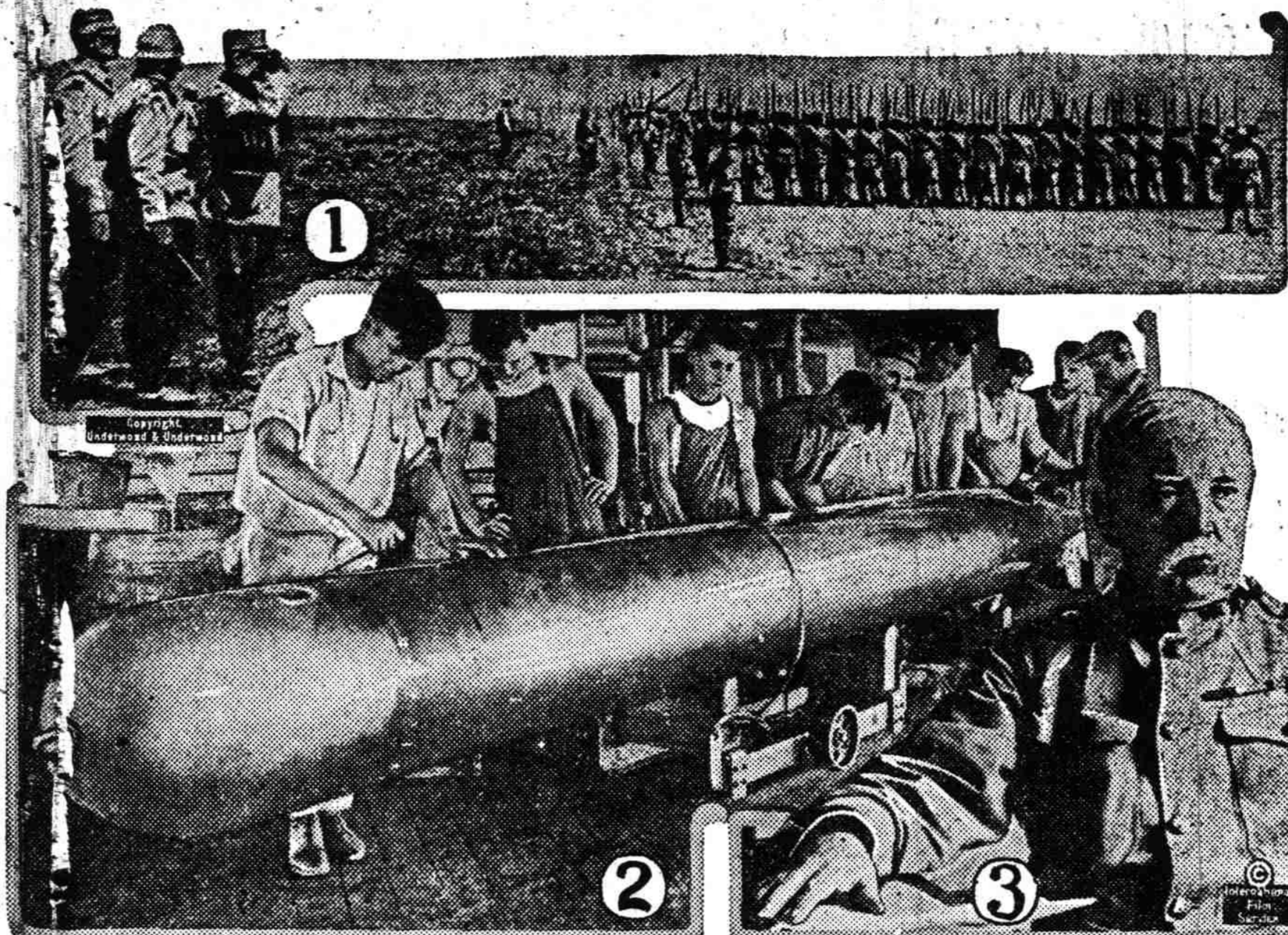
Mr. B. G. Willis, engaged in steamboat transportation between Edenton and Avoca, in Bertie county, has applied for a patent on a practical device to protect ships against torpedo attacks. By a system of lateral rudders on the sides of the ship, which do not retard its progress, the torpedo is exploded several feet from the ship, and no harm done except to that particular rudder which is at once replaced within five minutes.

Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, is making about the best war speech being heard in North Carolina, according to Mr. Sanford Martin, private secretary of the governor. Mr. Martin heard Judge Carter at the Yadkin superior court last week. He says that the judge turned his charge to the grand jury into a war address. When he began the courthouse was comfortably full of citizens, but when he finished standing room only was at a premium. Mr. Martin says that opposition to the war in that section of the state is more widespread than many would imagine, or at least was before Judge Carter began holding court up there. But since he stormed the citadel of treason and opened the eyes of the blind, as Mr. Martin puts it, there seems to be much less opposition to and a clearer understanding of what the war is about.

Mr. Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen, North Carolina's Food Administrator, has opened his office in the Federal Building, Raleigh, with the prospects of a vigorous war-time task of coordinating and maintaining for the duration of the struggle, the efforts of all the food producing and food conserving agencies of the state. The perfection of state machinery will be undertaken on the basis of sacrificial service. Mr. Page himself will work on the munificent salary of one dollar per annum.

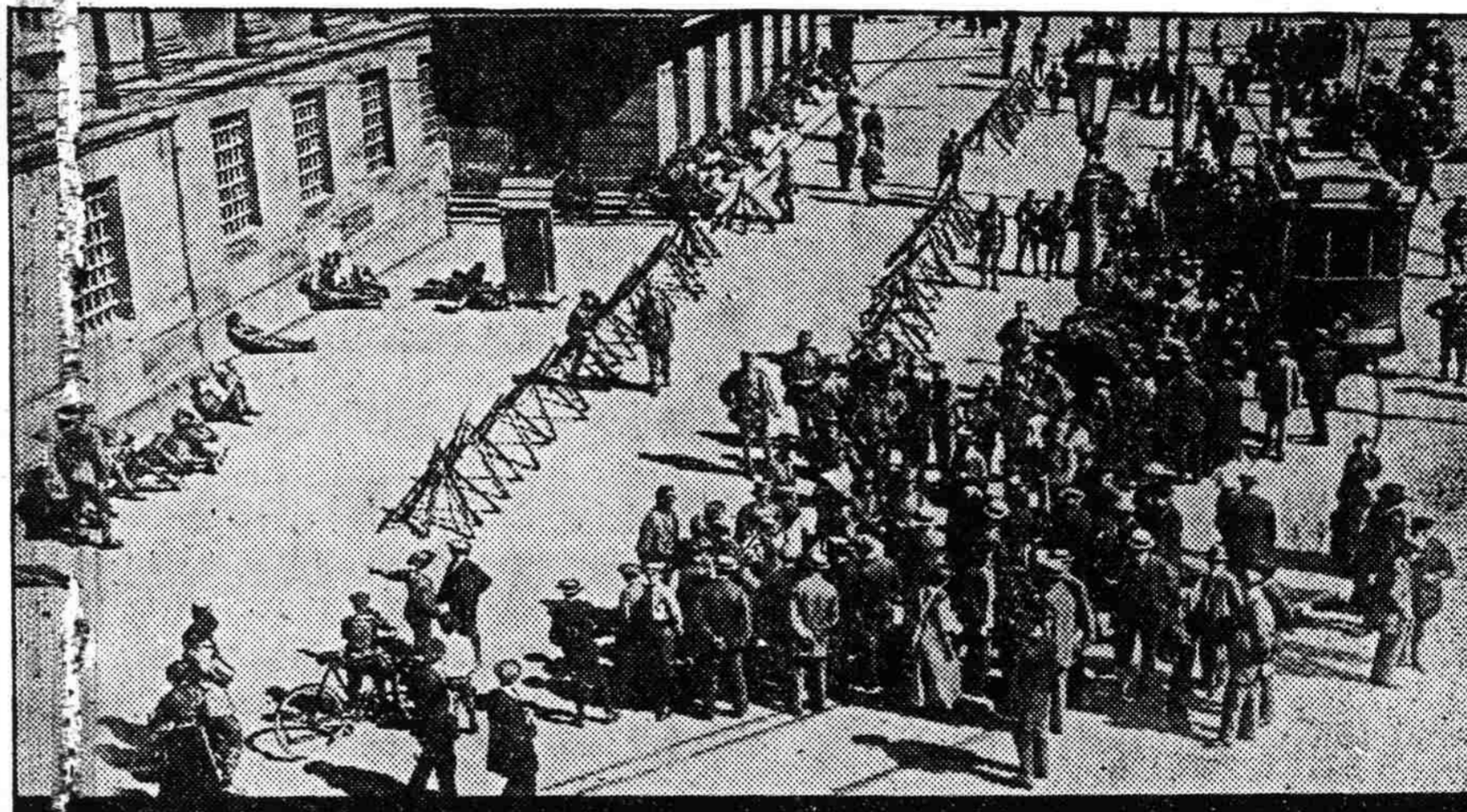
One man is dead and another is thought to be mortally wounded as the result of a near race riot which took place at Arapahoe, Pamlico county. The dead man is George Broom colored; the wounded, M. W. Bradley, white. The trouble originated as the result of Broom running over a hog which belonged to Mr. Bradley.

Deputy Sheriff Bert Kelly of New Hanover county, shot and probably fatally wounded George Galloway near Wilmington, a few days ago.



1—King Ferdinand of Roumania reviewing a brigade of his reorganized forces. 2—Working on a big torpedo for an American battleship on one of the barges on which the projectiles are assembled. 3—New photograph of Maj. Gen. William A. Mann, who will command the Forty-second division, soon to be sent to France.

SCENE DURING FOOD RIOTS IN AMSTERDAM



British troops guarding the palace at Amsterdam during the serious food riots that took place there and in many towns of Holland.

BROTHERS DIVIDED BY THE WAR



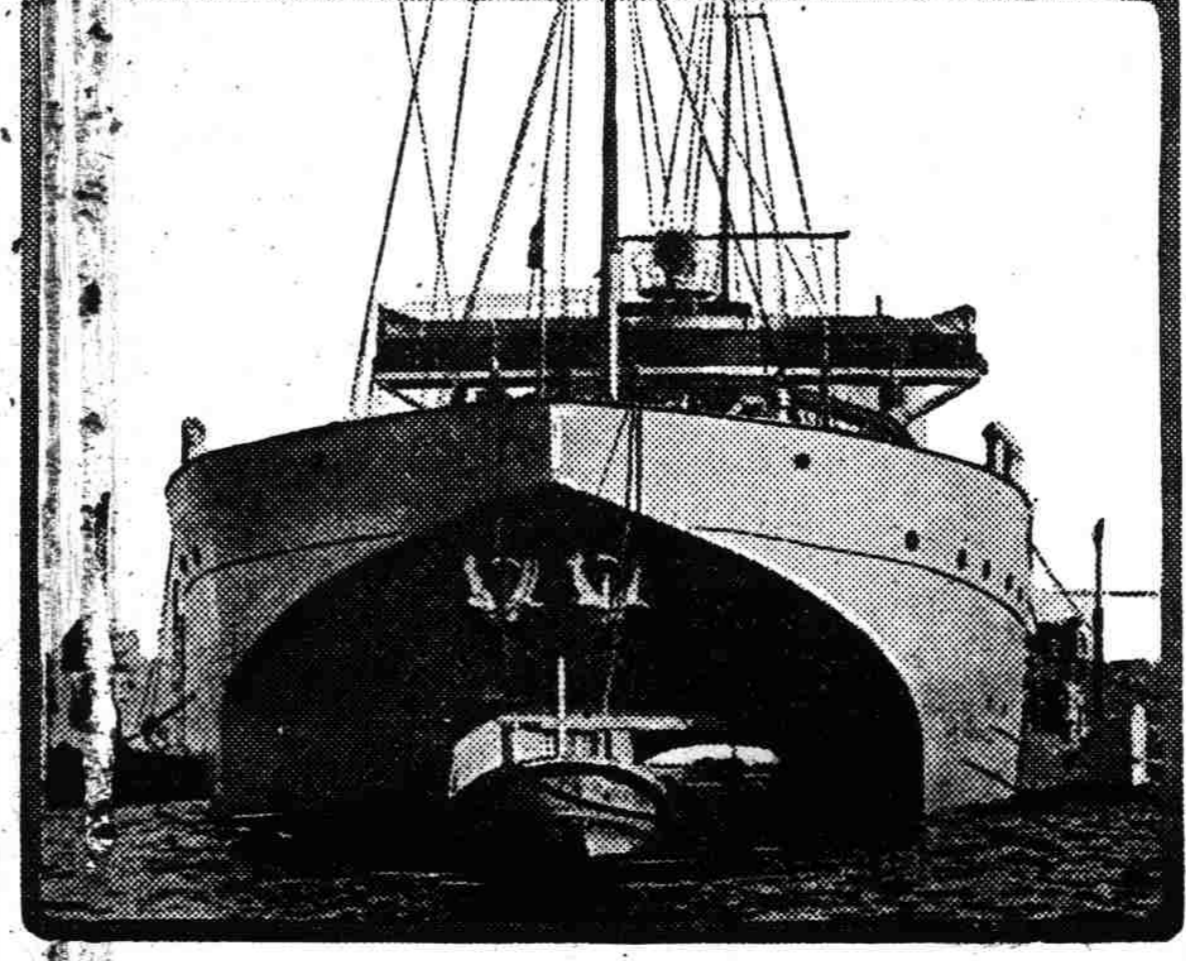
These are two sons of Mme. Schumann-Helk, the prima donna, who are fighting against each other in the war. August, on the right, is serving in the German navy, and Henry, on the left, has enlisted in the naval forces of the United States.

UNIVERSITY DEAN OF WOMEN



Dr. Aristine P. Munn Recht, daughter of Dr. John T. Munn, president of the United States Insurance company, has been appointed first dean of women of New York university. Doctor Recht is a graduate of Bryn Mawr, 1909, and of John Hopkins, 1913.

MOTHER SHIP FOR SUBMARINES



This is a mother ship for German submarines.

BAER IN "RUBE" MAKEUP



This picture of J. M. Baer in "rube" makeup was circulated all over the First district of North Dakota as a campaign document for Mr. Baer's race for congress.