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WEATHER FORECAST.

North Carolina—Fair tonight, Fri-day overcast probably showers in

South Carolina-Fair tonight, Fri-

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Ranking Republican of House Committee to Press Military Bill.

COMMITTEE BILL
REPORTED TO HOUSE

Hard Fight Looms Ahead For Advocates of Conscription. Government Prepared With

HOUSE ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 19.—Debate on the Administration Army bill will begin in the House on Mon- rate campaigns for enlistment. Gov-Majority and minority reports will &

noon until Monday.

Washington, April 19.—Preparing to lead the fight in the House for the Administration Army bill, Representative Kahn, ranking Republican of the Military committee, conferred today with Secretary Baker.

Representative Kahn received adposes he will be administration spokes !

sent in his minority report, a letter teresting woman. from Secretary Baker, sent to Chairman Dent two days ago in a final effort CITIZENS TRAINING get the committee to approve the ministration plans, which outlines elearly the purpose of the military experts to provide places for nearly 750,on individual volunteers in the exomplete volunteer units as proposed by the majority of the House commit-

Representative Kahn will have available, also, a detailed study of England's struggle with the volunteer system, made by American Military experts who personally watched the process. is understood these reports graphpoint out the costly delay and experiment cost, and the attendant military Discussing his plans, Representative

lisasters at the front charged to it. Kahn said the position taken by the ommittee minority will be that the laymen of Congress have no right to n favor of a plan which those experts believe is dangerous to the nation.

Representative Kahn pointed out lat only four members of the House had personal military expeience and all four favor the adminis-

"The fight is not lost," Mr. Kahn aid. "I do not believe that the House itself will care to assume the responsility of over-riding the unanimous udgment of trained military men at home and abroad and set up an army

and go wrong, the blame will be theirs. lantic." will not rest with Congress.

e, was introduced in the House today Chairman Dent It was immediate. BURNED BY GERMANS y Chairman Dent. It was immediatereferred back to the committee for perfunctory report. Mr. Dent expects to report the bill Monday and take it up in the House Tuesday.

OVER TWO THOUSAND RECRUITS YESTERDAY

Washington, April 19.—A total net gain of 2,375 recruits for the army is reported for yesterday in the daily lecruiting bulletin made public today the War Department. Illinois again led in the number of men ac- * cepted, with 247; Pennsylvania sec- * ed no results for the day.

and the total of the quotas appor- * Naval Committee. tioned to the States to be filled is *

FOR RECRUITING **RALLY FOR STATE**

An Address by The Governor on Subject-Death of Raleigh Official.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleign, April 19.—Governor Bickett today issued an address to North Carolina people urging enlistment in the navy, and calling upon mayors and governing bodies of all towns of 2 500 inhabitants and more to inaugu-

ernor Bickett suggests that, begintoday by House leaders and con- on ning April 23rd, this campaign be carsideration of the measure is ex- viried on until the 30th, when it should close with great mass meetings, "in be filed with the clerk of the which the paramount importance of N. Y. the navy as our first line of defense The House adjourned this after . should be set forth. At these meet- WILMINGTON MAN ings the actual work of the men in the navy, with the chances of pro-* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * motion, should be fully explained."

The Governor calls attention of the State to the recruiting stations at Goldsboro, Charlotte, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

Richard Bullock Seawell, Commission of Public W when than a week. He was a member of a itional information at the War De- prominent Raleigh family. He had partment, to conduct the fight he has | been many years the city's engineer, To all intents and pur- and on its change of governmental form he became head of the constructive department. He was 49 years man before the House on the question old and unmarried. One month ago today Mr. Seawell buried his mother, It is expected Mr. Kahn will pre- who was perhaps the city's most in-

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 19.-Establishanded regular army and National ment of 14 citizen training camps where reserve officers and applicants any scheme for taking into the service for commissions in the new war army will receive intensive military instruction, was authorized today by Secretary Baker.

The camps will be opened May 1, and the courses of instruction under officers and non-commissioned officers of the regulars begin May 8.

ically picture the failure of the system under its greatest test in history and point out the costly delay and experi-

et aside the view of trained experts Is An Official Statement Sent Out By German Gov-

ernment.

Berlin, April 19 (Via London).-It is officially announced that there is no of the Atlantic.

The statement follows:

"The Reuter Telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith can be deorganization of its own, for the failure scribed only as a frivolous means of which Congress would have to bear attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact, no submarine If the plans of our experts are tied is yet in the western half of the At-

The bill, as amended by the commit- RUMANIAN TOWNS

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd (Via London), April 19.— A report received from Jassy, the seat of the Rumanian government, says the Germans have burned the towns of Braila and Fokshani. The dispatch says Rumanian military circles considers that this foreshadows a German retirement.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 19.-The Adond, with 240; New York third, with * ministration bill increasing the 222; Missouri fourth, with 143, and * enlisted strength of the navy *
Texas feet Texas fifth, with 105. Delaware, New | * from 87,000 to 150,000 men and * Hampshire, Utah and Vermont report- * the Marine Corps from 17,400 * * to 30,000, was favorably report- * The figures are for the regular army * ed to the Senate today from the *

(By Associated Press.) *
Madrid, Spain, April 19 (Via *
London).—The Spanish cabinet * has resigned. The Spanish em- * * bassy is without official informa- * * tion of the resignation of the * * cabinet and the minister said he * was at a loss to estimate the * cause of the breaking up of the * ministry. All his dispatches for *; the last two weeks, the ambassa- * * dor said, indicated that the coun- * * try was quiet, following the * * workingmen's disorder of some * * time ago.

AMERICAN FLAG

Was That of Edmond Genet, of The American Aviation Corps in France.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, April 19.—Edmond C. C. Genet, the American aviator whose death was officially announced today, was the first American to die in France fighting under the American flag. Genet, who was a grand son of former governor Clinton of New York and great grandson of Citizen Genet, French minister to the United States, in revolutionary times, was killed near Ham while escorting Sergeant Raoul Lufberry.

Genet was known as a daring and skilful fiver and was very popular on account of his cheery and optimistic | * nature. His home was in Ossining,

TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., April 19.-Con-Wilmington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, gressman Godwin returned to Wash-died today at his home in Brooklyn, peake bay and its tributaries, and a about ten days at his home.

ference with President Wilson yesterday afternoon in regard to stimulating the country's food supply, so as to meet the requirements of the United States and its allies and the devastated portions of Europe when peace is declared. The scope and importance of the work were discussed and details of the plans left with the President for consideration at his con-

CAMPS LOCATED ALL ON BOARD

Scandinavian Steamer Torpe doed By German Submarine—Norwegian Press.

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 19.—The torpedoing of an unnamed Scandinavian steamship with the loss of all on board, except Captain Karstein Olsen, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Christiania. The captain says the submarine rose to the surface after the torpedo had been fired and watched 29 persons frown without offering assistance. The Norwegian press comments bitterly on this incident.

The Shipping Gazette says the present situation of Norway is worse than if she were at war. It adds that the United States should have the most cordial co-operation of all the Scandinavian countries in the effort to shut off Germany from exports, even from submarine as yet in the western part neutral countries. "All neutrals ought voluntarily to break off commercial relations with Germany." It says.

So Intimates Chancellor Bonar Law in House of Commons Today.

TO HOLD IMPORTANT SECRET MEETING

Entente Attitude Towards Greece Will be Taken Up. America Will Likely Play Part.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 19.—Chancellor Bonar nounced next week.

be the situation in Greece, which is

United States was being consulted humanitarian work. with regard to Greece. The chancellor replied:

"Up to the present the United States has not taken any part in the matter in which their interests are concerned.'

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

The discovery of a new comet on

Brang Whitlock, the American minfor Havere, where the American legation will be established. He was accompanied by his family.

ONE DEATH AND MANY

(By Associated Press.) Hobart, Okla., April 19.—Meagre reports today from the tornado which yesterday swept through three counties of Southwestern Oklahoma show the death of one woman, Mrs. Gris som, near Snyder, and the injury of at least nine other persons in that vicinity. The storm path included Altus, Tipton and Manitou, where a woman is reported killed, but apparently drew its heaviest toll among the rural communities.

> HELP THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS BY COMING TO THE RED CROSS WORK ROOM FRIDAY MORNING. WAR MAKES HOSPITAL SUPPLIES A NECESSITY.

AMERICAN NAVY TAKING OVER PATROL DUTY.

(By Associated Press.) * Washington, April 19.—It be *

* came known officially today that *

* the American navy is rapidly *

* taking over the patrol which the * British and French vessels es- * tablished on the American coast." *

KING OF SPAIN

Over Sinking by Germany of Four Belgian Relief Ships During Present Month.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, April 19.—The sinking by Law informed the House of Commons today that the government had defour ships of the Belgian relief comcided to hold a secret session of the mission carrying food for the invaded House, the date of which would be an district has caused the French gov-One of the subjects of discussion, ernment to appeal to the King of Mr. Bonar Law told the House, will Spain to intervene at Berlin and find out whether the German government now under consideration by the allied intends to respect relief commission ships or whether it proposes to as-Laurence Ginnell asked whether the sume responsibility for hindering the

The ships, which were laden with wheat, were all sunk within four days of each other off the coast of Holland, discussion, but I have no doubt that Germans as being outside the danger and along the route indicated by the steamers.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATOR **GETS NAVAL POSITION**

(By Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., April 19.—W. D. Tuesday morning is reported in a Cardwell, former speaker of the Vir-Reuter dispatch from Melbourne, Aus-ginia House of Representatives, has been appointed Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Volunteers. He left here William Berri, a leading American today to report at the Norfolk navy newspaper publisher and regent of the yard for duty. Cardwell, long chafr-University of the State of New York, man of the House Committee on Chesaington today after an absence of after a long illness. He was in his veteran hunter and fisherman, knows every nock, channel and shore of Virginia waters.

COMMENCEMENT ORATOR AT WARSAW

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Warsaw, N. C., April 19.—Bishop Thomas C. Darst will preach the bac-INJURED SO FAR SHOWN caulaureate sermon here on next Sunday morning, and Hon. Tasker Polk will deliver the Literary address on official announcement, came independ-Monday evening. There will be no ently from three coast guard stations, services at the Methodist church on said they were unable to offer any Commencement Sunday.

Bridge—Fatally Wounded. Assailant Not Captured.

(By Associated Press) Trenton, N. J., April 19.-A shot from ambush mortally wounded Robert Price, 18 years old, a private in Company B, Second Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, who was on duty guarding a railroad Oridge near duty guarding a railroad bridge near Yardville, N. J., early today.

Price, with other members of his company, was on duty at the bridge. All heard a shot, and a bullet that apparently came from bushes near the little bridge struck Price and he fell unconscious. His companions brought him to a hospital in this city, where physicians said he could not

Search is being made for the person who fired the shot.

Government Does Not Believe Story of Engagement Off New England.

NOW DISCREDITED

(By Associated Press.) Boston, April 19-It was officially announced at the navy yard late yesterday that no credence was placed as soon as arrangements are completione. The American commission for stations on Cape Cod that neavy gunin reports from three coast guard relief in Belgium has already pro- fire had been heard off the coast. tested against the sinking of the The positive statement was made that there had been no naval engagement and that war ships had not exchanged salutes with foreign vessels.

The previous announcement that heavy gun-firing had been heard during the morning was also issued officially at the navy yard. It was based on reports from Cape Cod, received by Lieutenant E. G. Blakeslee, in charge of the naval radio district.

Newspaper correspondents at points on the Cape reported that they had not heard any gun-firing and that they knew nothing of it except from the bulletins issued by the naval authori-

The statement discrediting the first official announcement was issued after the navy yard radio station had been off the coast. No information of any firing was obtained from ships at sea, the authorities said, adding that coast guard stations had sent in no additional

Naval officers who were asked to explain the probable origin of the morning reports, which, according to the suggestion as to what might have been heard at those stations.

ALLEGED SPY NABBED IN JACKSONVILLE

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Jacksonville, N. C., April 19.-Charles Forbes, native of Bermuda, arrested here yesterday for beating his fare on a freight train and on suspicion of being a spy, was today Guarding Railroad tried before Magistrate H. C. Canaday. There was evidence that he had made seditious remarks and under the train-riding charge he was sent to jail for 30 days.

Government authorities will asked to investigate remarks he is alleged to have made at Hampstead.

MORE FOOD CROPS

Conference in Savannah Today and Big Meeting In Macon Next Week.

(By Associated Press.) Savannah, Ga., April 19.—Represen tatives of several Georgia cities met here today to discuss how Georgia can raise more food crops. The conference was called by the Savannah chamber of commerce and the members were some places and the sturdy resistance welcomed by Mayor Pierpont at the first session today. Discussion was on the present emergency especially in the South, co-operation and how the demand for food may be met.

BROKE INTO ROOM CAPITOL.

(By Associated Press.) * after a hurried examination, said * up after awful carnage. * there was no confidential infor- *

* mation in the room. * Entrance when the houses of * forces. * Congress are not in session has * "Near Ville-aux-Bois," the official * An investigation was begun.

Unable to Check The Rapid Advance of Victorious French Forces.

VON HINDENBURG WALL FALLING

Germans Lose Position After Position-Many Prisoners Taken and More Cannon Taken-British Awaiting Opportune Time For Making Another Strike.

Germany has thrown nearly a quarter of a million fresh troops into the fray on the 60-mile sector of the western front between Soissons and Amberive and still is unable to check the French advance.

Champagne, General Nivelle's forces are pressing forward. The Aisne was taken with the capture of the Vailly bridgehead yesterday and their wavering lines continued last night to be pushed rapidly northe

ward. From Chavenne on the Aisne the French have driven more than three miles north of the river, despite desperate resistance by Von Hindenburg's reinforced armies.

In the Champagne the successes of the French are equally striking. They have driven a great wedge more than and last night's attacks netted Gen eral Neville's men several heights in the Moronviers region.

Two more German batteries were captured in the Moronvilliers fighting. Previously the taking of 75 German guns in the new French offensive had been reported, so that the number of cannon wrested from the Germans must now be nearing the 100 mark.

The tone of the whole French offi cial communication today is notably confident. The complete repulse of every German attempt at a reaction is unequivocally claimed and the successes in the Champagne are mentioned as having been achieved "on a great scale."

While the French are thus driving forward the British are quiescent, so far as the official accounts show, awaiting their turn to strike the other flank of the Von Hindenburg line. That notable activities are in progress behind the British front in preparation for the renewal of the attack on Lens, St. Quentin and other threatened points on the line, how ever, is certain.

The French so far have taken more than 17,000 prisoners in their offen-At last accounts the British had

taken in excess of 14,000, so that the combined offensives for the two armfes thus far has resulted in the capture of more than 31,000 men, or the greater part of two German divisions. Hindenburg Line Shaken Badly. Paris, April 19.—That section of

Von Hindenburg's granite wall which runs from Soissons to Rheims has been shaken to its foundation by the terrific blows of General Nivelle. The French have the whip hand now and the Germans are still staggering from the great rebuff dealt to them on Monday. The French soldiers who won the first line have been relieved by fresh formations and the second phase of the battle has begun with renewed vigor.

Unaffected by counter attacks in offered everywhere, the French have gained substantial advantages and have driven forward with such speed that the Germans have been obliged to abandon many guns.

The enemy made a desperate effort to stem the tide between Juvin-* court and Berry-au-Bac. This is the * void of natural defenses.

Thirty thousand of the best Ger-* man troops were hurled forward here Washington, April 19.—Capitol * in a furious counter attack, but the * police discovered today that the * move had been foreseen and the * door of the room of the Senate * French guns were ready. Artillery * Committee on Naval Affairs had * and machine guns smashed wave * been forced during the night. * after wave of the green-clad soldiers * Clerks in the committee room, * until finally the attempt was given

Fighting Still More Intense. Berlin, April 19 (Via London).— The door was badly splintered * The battle in the Champagne north-* and the capitol police force was * west of Auberive yesterday contin-* much surprised that no sounds * ued into the night, says today's offi-* were heard when it was forced. * cial announcement. This morning the * The guards at the capitol were * fighting increased in intensity as a recently increased in number. * result of the introduction of fresh

* been made unusually difficult. * statement says, "the foremost position became unsuitable to us and we established ourselves in a rearward

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