

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
North Carolina fair in the West, probably rain in east portion tonight; Sunday fair; strong north winds on the coast, diminishing to night and Sunday.

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## A GERMAN U-BOAT IS REPORTED OFF NANTUCKET LIGHT

British Steamer Heard S. O. S. Call From Submarine Victim.

IN VICINITY WHERE THE U-53 OPERATED

Another Liner Was Warned to Look Out For Enemy Craft Near American Coast—Name Unknown.

(By Associated Press.) Atlantic Port, Sept. 15.—A British steamship that arrived here today, reported that early yesterday morning a wireless S. O. S. call was heard stating that the ship from which the message came was being shelled by a German submarine, the location being 65 miles east of Nantucket lightship. The name of the ship attacked did not come clear, only the word "Abby," presumably the last half of the name being caught.

There are a number of vessels both sail and steam, of which the word "Abby" is a part of their names, now engaged in Atlantic trade. Additional information that a submarine was in the Western Atlantic was brought by another British liner which arrived here today from an English port. Officers of the liner said they had been instructed to watch out for U-boats when nearing the American coast.

The place where the ship reported she was being attacked, 65 miles east of Nantucket, is in the vicinity in which the German submarine U-53 sunk five steamships on its visit to American waters in October, 1917. The U-53, under command of Lieut. Commander Hans Rose, appeared in Newport harbor on October 7, and after a three-hour stay, put to sea. The next report of her activities was when the American steamer Kansas, since sunk, was stopped off Nantucket, but permitted to proceed upon establishment of her identity.

Then soon after came word of the sinking of the British steamers Strathmore, West Point, and Stephano, the latter a coastwise passenger vessel, the Dutch steamer Bloomersdijk and the Norwegian steamer Christian Kaudsen. Passengers from the Stephano and crews from the other ships were rescued by American destroyers.

Confirming the statement of the captain of the British ship that the SOS call had been received, a representative of R. Lawrence Smith, Inc., agents of the vessel, announced that the captain had stated that an American tank ship which arrived today and an American radio station also received the signals of distress.

### A SLIGHT ADVANCE MADE BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 15.—The British last night made a slight advance on the Belgian front, east of Westhoek, and improved their position, according to the British official statement issued today. The statement reads: "In the course of the night, we improved our position slightly east of Westhoek. A strong party of the enemy yesterday evening attacked the ground gained by us during the day, northeast of St. Julien. As they advanced to attack the Germans were caught in our artillery barrage and were dispersed. "Considerable activity continues to be shown by hostile artillery north of Langemarck."

### WOULD EXAMINE ALL SUBJECT TO DRAFT

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—Provost Marshal General Crowder asked Governor McCall in a telegram today for his opinion as to the advisability of subjecting every man registered under the selective draft act, to immediate physical examination in order that there might be no delay in certifying men for service when the time comes for another call to the colors. The provost marshal general said the 7,500,000 men who have not been called for examination are naturally in a state of unrest and as a result find employment difficult and hesitate to enter upon any enterprise that requires continued attention. If the whole list is examined, General Crowder said, it may be possible to arrange an order of liability in accordance with the degree of availability and thus make the draft more effective. The question of the adoption of the plan will be decided in a few days, he said.

## WATER IN STREETS OF GOLDSBORO TWO TO SIX FEET

Property Damage in Wayne Capital is Estimated at \$100,000.

### CITIZENS FLEE HOMES IN NIGHT CLOTHES

No Lives Reported Lost, But There Were Several Narrow Escapes—Fire Bell Doubtless Saved Life

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, Sept. 15.—With hundreds of bridges washed away, many business houses and dwellings throughout the city under six feet of water, rivers, creeks and ditches overflowing, Goldsboro and Wayne county are today recovering from one of the most disastrous floods ever known in this section. A rough estimate this morning places the damages wrought in this city at \$100,000.

At 10 o'clock many sections of the city are still flooded and hundreds of dead chickens could be seen in the wake of the rushing streams, street railway and other traffic being held up. While no deaths are reported, many people had narrow escapes, and were forced to leave their homes early this morning in their night clothes and in the eastern part of the city men carried their wives and children to safety in water up to their necks. Meagre details from nearby towns report the damage appalling, while it is said the cotton crop throughout the county is practically destroyed.

What probably prevented a loss of life in some instances was the wild clamoring of the fire bell about 5 o'clock this morning, due to crossed wires which awakened many people who then found their homes flooded and immediately began to vacate, not even taking time to dress.

### FIRE BREAKS OUT IN BRITISH SHIP

(By Associated Press.) South American Atlantic Port, Sept. 15.—A British steamship bound from North America port for South Africa, put in here today with fire in her coal bunkers endangering the lives of passengers and crew. Among the 51 first cabin passengers are many American missionaries. All are safe.

### PRESIDENT INSISTS ON INSURANCE BILL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 15.—President Wilson has communicated directly to Senate leaders his wish that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance bill be enacted before adjournment, and it is practically certain that his plan will be followed. Unless some agreement is made to cut down the debate, plans for adjournment around October 1 will be seriously endangered.

### SUGAR INDUSTRY LI-CENSED.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 15.—By a Presidential proclamation today the entire sugar industry in the United States was placed under the Food Administration, to be conducted under a license system, which will control manufacture, distribution and importation.

## OUR SOLDIERS IN TUG OF WAR AT ALDERSHOT.



Our soldiers engaged in a tug of war with a team of the British Railway engineers. The contest took place at the Grand Military fete held at Aldershot on August 24th to aid Military Charities. Both the King and Queen attended the fete.

## A DENIAL ISSUED BY VON. ECKHARDT

Says He Never Sent Communications Through the Swedish Charge.

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, Sept. 15.—Heinrich von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, tonight made a statement denying in connection with the disclosures from Washington that he had been employing a former Swedish charge d'affaires to convey information to the Berlin foreign office. Von Eckhardt declared that he had never sent any communication through Folke Kronholm and that he never wrote any communication recommending Kronholm for a decoration for his services.

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# OPPORTUNITY OFFERED YOU TO OWN AN AUTO

Make Your Wish Come True by Entering The Dispatch Contest—New Nominations Being Received Every Day—Not Too Late to Enter and Win—Ten Prizes and Commission to Non-Winners.

- THE PRIZES.**
- \$775 Briscoe Automobile.
  - Ford Touring Car. \$200 in gold.
  - \$100 in gold.
  - \$93 furniture suite.
  - \$75 Columbia Grafonola.
  - \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store.
  - \$25 wrist watch.
  - Two \$60 diamond rings.

Do not pass up anything in the shape of a subscription payment. Every kind of a subscription payment, of \$1.50 and over, counts for you if you only collect it. Back payments, advance payments and new subscriptions all count. You should see all your friends the very first thing and secure their subscription, and then all your acquaintances. When you cannot call upon them use the telephone and write them personal letters. Organize them into committees and get a half dozen different people working for you. In that way you will have much better success.

A New Subscription. Many of the candidates do not yet seem to understand just what constitutes a new subscription and what is an old one. This is a very important detail and you should ask each subscriber, when you secure the subscription, whether or not he was taking the paper, on or before September 3rd, the date of the beginning of this contest. A new subscriber is one who was not receiving the paper on or before Sept. 3. If he was taking it at that time through a city carrier and paying by the week, it is just the same, and he would be an old subscriber. This is very important, so in the future, be sure to make this distinction plain.

Not Too Late. The contest is just getting under way, so it is not by any means too late to enter. New nominations are being received every day. So if you have been trying to decide whether you would enter the contest or not, act today. Fill out the nomination blank and enter your own name or a friend and get started at once.

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## LUXBURG'S NOTE AT LAST APPEAR IN GERMAN PRESS

One Newspaper Says Count Luxburg Should be Permitted to Disappear

## A LAME ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN CABLEGRAM

Government Cannot be Held Responsible For the Opinion of its Ministers, The Paper Declares

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—The three cablegrams sent by Count Luxburg, German minister to Argentina, to the German foreign office through the Swedish legation, have finally been permitted to be published in the German press. The Koelnische Zeitung says that it is easy to understand that the publication of these dispatches in Argentina has made an unpleasant impression and that President Wilson has so far probably been successful with his maneuver, but adds that they can only be rightly judged if it is not forgotten that they were secret messages in code, and if the figure dispatches of Entente diplomacy could be read still more drastic expressions would be encountered.

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The story of the visit is not true, but M. Soskice, secretary to Premier Kerensky, who is a member of the Council of the Social Revolutionary party, informed the Associated Press that the difficulty actually has arisen. Yesterday committees of both parties drew up identical resolutions declaring it would be impossible to collaborate with premier Kerensky, if Constitutional Democrats were made ministers, but voting on the resolutions has been postponed until this evening and there is every hope of an agreement.

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## SPECTACULAR DISPLAY AT TRAINING CAMP

(By Associated Press.) Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—An imposing and spectacular military display took place on McDonald Field in Chickamauga Park today when Major Herbert J. Slocum and his staff, including Captain Loris and Lieutenant Vermet, of the French army, instructors assigned to the camp, reviewed the entire body of students at the officers training camp.

## QUEBEC BRIDGE SPAN NOT PLACED TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Quebec, Sept. 15.—Weather conditions prevented the raising of the central span of the Quebec bridge today. The engineers require a calm river surface to facilitate the perfect transfer of the span from the pontoons upon which it was constructed and on which it will be towed from Sillery where the link now lies.

## STORM OFF COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 15.—The disturbance in the South Atlantic was central today near the North Carolina coast, and northeast gales accompanied by excessive rains have occurred in that vicinity. The general rain area covered the Middle and South Atlantic States. Storm warnings were displayed from Nantucket to Charleston.

## SHIPBUILDERS NOT WORRYING OVER STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) Portland, Ore., Sept. 15.—With organized employees of wooden shipbuilding yards in Portland pledged to strike today, employers were going ahead with the idea of operating regardless of the strike, confident they have enough labor to continue the work with little delay. On the ways are one hundred wooden vessels, and employers said today they were sure the government would see to it that no steps will be allowed to be taken to prevent carrying out the projects with non-union help.

## SAYS WILSON HAS UNITED GERMANS

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, replying in a message to the Cologne Chamber of Commerce, to one or more of a series of anti-Wilson protests from German organization of all sorts, has been announced in the German press, is quoted in a telegram received by a Dutch news agency as saying: "By his attempt to create disunity, President Wilson has succeeded in uniting the German people. I don't doubt that Mr. Wilson will receive a clear answer by the seventh war loan. May Mr. Wilson continue in future to be a part of the force which ever attends evil and does good."