

WEATHER.
North and South
Carolina: Fair to
night; Saturday, fair,
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HUN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON ENGLAND

Eleven Persons Killed and 46 Injured in Last Night's Raid

SEVEN OR EIGHT PLANES IN RAID

Attack Came as a Surprise to London, Catching People Coming From Theatres May Be Other Casualties

London, March 8.—Eleven persons were killed and 46 others were injured in last night's air raid on London, according to the latest police reports, says an official announcement today. It is feared that an additional six bodies are in the ruins of houses wrecked.

The official report read: "The latest police reports state that 11 were killed and 46 injured in last night's airplane raid. It is feared that in addition to the above six bodies are still buried in the wreckage of houses. All the casualties occurred in London."

Several persons were killed by the destruction of houses in northeast London. The house of a vicar was particularly wrecked, but the clergyman escaped. He is a special constable and had left home for duty when the warning came a few minutes before the explosion which damaged his residence. The vicar worked throughout the night, assisting the wounded and homeless neighbors.

The greatest damage in London was inflicted in the northwestern section where four bombs demolished several houses. A single raider appeared over this area. Hundreds of persons were seen preparing to desert their homes. Most of which are three-story buildings, for the more substantial shelter of the two nearby subways when the bombs began to fall. The first bomb made a square hit on a three-story dwelling of concrete and brick, crashing through two floors before it exploded. While the police, special constables and volunteer rescuers were busy with these three more bombs fell in quick succession. Ambulances arrived speedily and notwithstanding the confusion the rescuers worked effectively under the anti-aircraft barrage. For twenty minutes after the bombing of the district, the barrage was continued.

Official Announcement.
Seven or eight German airplanes made a raid over England last night. One of them reached London and dropped bombs in the northwest and southwest districts of the city.

Another raider dropped bombs in the northern district of London during the following several hours. The following official announcement was made: "Last night's air raid appears to have been carried out by seven or eight enemy airplanes, of which two reached London. The first two raiders approached the Isle of Thanet at 10.55 p. m., and proceeded up the Thames estuary. Both were turned back before reaching London.

FARM LABOR TO BE RELIEVED OF AN EARLY CALL

Notified of Temporary Relief for Upper Classmen in Agricultural Colleges

FURLOUGH PROVIDED IN A SENATE BILL

Men May Be Furloughed From Military Service for Farm Work—Seniors in Fifth Class

Washington, March 6.—Governors were notified today by Provost Marshal General Crowder that all students in land grant agricultural colleges whose class standing places them in the upper third of the senior class may enlist in their quartermaster's enlisted reserve corps and will be placed by local boards in class five on the ground that they are in the military service.

The evident purpose of the announcement which takes the form of an amendment to the selective service regulations is to exempt as far as possible registrants who may be used on farms. This is in line with policy to increase the country's food production.

JAPANESE WILLING FOR CHINA TO AID

London, March 8.—Japan, according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin to the Daily Mail, is reported to have intimated that she would welcome Chinese co-operation in the event that extreme measures were necessary in Siberia, thus desiring to demonstrate her unselfishness.

The Chinese government, it is added, is said to have obtained documentary proof that the Germans have made definite offers of assistance to Russian revolutionary leaders if they would cause trouble. The documents are reported to mention Germany's intention to use released German war prisoners in Siberia against China's northern frontiers.

WEALTHY PLANTER KILLS HIS MANAGER

Richmond, Va., March 8.—Drexel P. Shelly, son of a wealthy merchant of Milwaukee, Wis., last night shot and killed the negro manager of his farm in Goochland County. A shot gun was used. Shelly is now in the Goochland jail awaiting the arrival of his father before making an effort to be released on bond.

Shelly is about 27 years old. He has lived on a large farm near Irwin, Goochland County, five years, his father having bought the place for him after the son's health failed several years ago. The young man was in a sanatorium in the West for some time and had undergone treatment for nervous trouble.

MUCH GRAIN HELD BY FARMERS ON MARCH 1

Wheat in Farms & Hands 111,272,000 Bushels and
Corn 1,292,900 Bushels

Washington, March 8.—In farmers hands on March 1, announced today by the Department of Agriculture was:
Corn 1,292,905,000 bushels or 40.9 per cent. of the 1917 crop.
Wheat 111,272,000 bushels, or 17.1 per cent.
Oats 595,195,000 bushels or 37.5 per cent.
Barley 43,404,000 bushels or 20.8 per cent.

FRITZ IS PLANNING A SURPRISE FOR SAMMY

Indications Point to Unusual Goings on in Front of the Toul Sector

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 6.—The enemy apparently has something he is planning against our troops in the sector northwest of Toul. His camouflage constructions at certain places have suddenly been doubled in height and much work is going on within the enemy line.

Last night an American on patrol who understands German heard this conversation within a German trench: "Come here, Fritz. Take this pick and pry that stone loose and then throw that dirt out. Those ——— over there! We work all night to fix things here and they blow them to hell in the day time!"

DURHAM DENTIST IN RECORDER'S COURT

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Durham, N. C., March 8.—Dr. Geo. Carr, a prominent surgeon dentist, thrice married and twice divorced since 1915, was fined \$25 and costs in court here this morning for assaulting his stepmother, whom it was said by witnesses he blamed with responsibility for his third wife leaving him a few weeks ago.

COMMONS VOTES NEW WAR CREDIT

London, March 8.—The House of Commons late last night agreed unanimously to the vote of credit of 600,000,000 pounds moved yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Andrew Bonar-Law. This brings the total of credit during the war to 6,842,000,000 pounds.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN TO SELL LIBERTY BONDS

Washington, March 8.—Charlie Chaplin, the movie actor, will devote two weeks beginning April 15 to a tour of the South, speaking in behalf of the third Liberty Loan. William S. Hart will make a similar tour through the West.

KAISER'S PROPERTY FIRST TO BE SOLD BY THE CUSTODIAN

Palmer Outlines His Plan for Selling German Property in America

TO BE KNOCKED DOWN TO HIGHEST BIDDER

Wants Germany to Understand That Her Holdings Over Here Are a Thing of the Past

Washington, March 8.—Property in the United States owned by the Kaiser himself, former Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German "junkers" generally and the German government itself, will be the first to go under the hammer under plans of A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, to sell German owned property here to the highest bidder.

Palmer's testimony to the Senate appropriations committee in which he proposed necessary legislation, which was made public today, makes plain that properties of merely minor individuals probably will not be sold, but that the direct purpose of the move is to break up the outposts of kultur in America.

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KIEV STILL IN HANDS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

Capital of Ukraine is Not Held by Germans as Was Reported

London, March 8.—Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, is still in the hands of Russian revolutionary troops and has not been occupied by the Germans, according to a statement issued Wednesday by the Russian official news agency in Petrograd. The previous message saying Kiev had been lost to the enemy, the statement adds, was due to the receipt of a wireless message which must have originated from enemy sources.

The German War Office in its official statement of March 3, said that Ukrainian and German troops had captured Kiev. Since then, however, there have been no claims of any advance beyond Kiev by the invaders.

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Peace Announcement Cheered.
Basel, Thursday, March 8.—Announcement of the conclusion of a preliminary peace with Rumania was received with cheers in the Austrian lower house. After the outbreak of enthusiasm, Dr. Wimmer, minister of finance, arose and spoke of the necessity of the chamber granting additional war credits to the government.

Revolutionary Troops Have Captured Jamburg From Invaders

PEACE FORCED ON THREE GOVERNMENTS

In Five Days Germany Has Compelled Russia, Finland and Rumania to Accept Her Harsh Terms

Russian revolutionary troops have struck back at the Germans who declined to halt their advance when peace was agreed to and have taken Jamburg, 68 miles south-southwest of Petrograd, from the invaders. Jamburg is a railroad town on the Lugan river and the Germans had moved there from Uarva to straighten out their line southward toward Pskov, after peace terms had been reached.

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WANTS KAISER'S SON AS FINLAND'S KING

Reported That Finnish Government Has Asked Prince Oscar to Rule Them

London, March 8.—The Finnish government has asked the German Emperor to appoint Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the Emperor, King of Finland, the Afton Tidningen of Stockholm says it learns from diplomatic circles, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

Prince Oscar of Hohenzollern will be 39 years old next July. On July 31, 1914, Prince Oscar apparently against the wishes of his father contracted a morganatic marriage with Countess Ina Bassewitz who had been lady in waiting to the Empress.

Prince Oscar suffered from heart trouble during the early months of the war and was reported to have collapsed after leading a victorious charge at Verdun on October 3, 1914. He returned to duty and narrowly escaped capture in Poland in December of that year. There were few reports concerning his activities during 1915 but early in 1916 he was slightly wounded in the head and thigh on the Eastern front.

RUMANIA'S POSITION DESCRIBED AS TRAGIC

Bonar-Law Discusses War Situation—Russia's Failure Was Serious Blow

London, March 8.—In his address to the House of Commons yesterday Andrew Bonar-Law, speaking of the military situation, said that the dropping out of Russia deeply affected every theatre of war except that in the German colonies; out of which the Germans had been driven. The only remaining force in the field was one of 2,000, of which only 200 were Germans, now wandering in Portuguese, East Africa.

Rumania, through the failure of Russia, the Chancellor pointed out had been put into a position little less than tragic. He said peace negotiations were proceeding between Rumania and the Central Powers and it would not be right to go further than to reiterate the sympathy felt for the Rumania people and regret that conditions absolutely beyond Allied control, rendered it impossible to go to their assistance.

Referring to Mesopotamia and Palestine, the Chancellor said he doubted whether it ever had been possible to carry decisive operations by means of troops transferred by sea. "When we had sufficient tonnage to move troops by sea" the Chancellor continued, "we did not have a sufficient number of trained troops to move and now the tonnage position has made it impossible to move very large forces in that way."

ARTILLERY BATTLE RAGES AT VERDUN

FINISHING TOUCHES ON RAILROAD BILL

Washington, March 8.—Finishing touches were put on the conference report on the administration railroad bill today by the Senate and House conferees, preparing their agreement for submission to both houses.

Representatives of railroad interests made an ineffectual effort to have minor changes made in the bill. The conferees refused to reopen the question.

AGAIN WHIPPED HUNS.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 6.—An American patrol of five men three nights ago outfought an enemy patrol of 10 men. They met in No Man's Land and the Americans opened fire. The Germans replied and for three minutes there was a sharp skirmish. The enemy retreated, leaving two dead and two wounded Bavarians, who were prisoner. The American patrol returned to its own lines without having received a scratch.

LITTLE HOPE FOR MEYER'S RECOVERY

Boston, Mass., March 8.—The condition of George von L. Meyer, who has been ill at his home here for several weeks with a tumor of the liver, was more serious this morning and physicians said there was little hope of his recovery. He had an uncomfortable night and in his weakened condition it was said that it was difficult for him to resist the effects of the disease.

BRITISH CASUALTIES LOW.

London, Thursday, March 7.—For the first week of March British casualties were 3,843, the lowest of any week for several months. The official report for the week ending today follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 63; men, 628. Wounded or missing: Officers, 179; men, 2,473.

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