American Forces Landed In Safety on Foreign Soil. Trained Fighters, worked out. Defying U-Boats, Sent Over Seas. Thousands of Seasoned Regulars and Marines Dispatched to Aid of Washington.

Washington, June 27.—The advance guard of the mighty army the United States is preparing to send against Germany is on French soil tonight.

In defiance of the German submarines, thousands of seasoned regulars and marines, trained fighting men with the tan of long service on the Mexican border or in Haiti or Santo Domingo still on their faces, have been hastened over seas to fight beside the French, the British, the Belgian, the Russian, the Portugese and the Italian troops on the Western front.

News of the safe arrival of the troops sent a new thrill through Washington. No formal announcement came from the War Department. None will come, probably, until Maj. General Pershing's official report has been received. Then there may be a statement as to the number and composition of the advance guard.

General Sibert Commanding. Press dispatches from France, presumably sent forward with the approval of General Pershing's staff, show that Major General Sibert, one of the new major menerals of the army, has been given command of the first force sent abroad, under General Pershing as commander-in-chief

of the expedition. One thing stands out sharply, despite the fact that the size of the task that has been accomplished is not fully revealed as yet. This is, that American enterprise has set a new record for the transportation of troops.

Considering the distance to be covered, and the fact that all preparations had to be made after the order came from the White House the might of May 18, it is practically certain that never before has a military expedition of this size been assembled, conveyed and landed without mishap in so short a time by any nation. The only rival in magnitude is the movement of British troops to South Africa in the Boer War, and that was made over seas that were unhampered by submarines, mines, or other obstacles.

The American forces will be fed, clothed, armed and equipped by the United States. Around them at the camp on French soil tonight are being stored supplies that will keep them going for months, and more will follow.

Preparing for Arrival.

General Pershing and his staff have arrival of the men. Despite the enormous difficulties of unpreparedness Destroy Poke-Weeds As a Preventive and submarine dangers that faced them, the plans of the army general staff have gone through with clocklike precision.

transports available in the Atlantic. of the years 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915. The vessels that carried the troops were scatered on their usual routes. variety of other plants, such as violet, Army reserves were still depleted pansy, beans, clover, morning-glory, from the border mobilization. Regi- and poke-weed. ments were below war strength.

That was the condition when Presishould be answered and a force of effort may well be centered on the regulars sent at once to France. At poke-weed, which is the chief offender, his word the War Department began says Mr. Franklin Sherman, Entoto move. General Pershing was sum- mologist. Numerous cases of damage moned quietly to Washington.

afoot in the department at the time. weed in spring and migrating to the All the business of preparing for the cotton in June and July. registration of ten million men, of Should we have much wet weather providing quarters and instructors in late June and July, the Red Spifor nearly fifty thousand prospective der is not likely to do serious harm officers, for finding arms and equip- to the cotton, but growers are adment for millions of troops yet to be vised to get rid of the poke-weeds organized, of expandin gthe regular as a precaution. army to full war strength, of preparing and recruiting the National Guard for war, was at hand.

Plans Silently Carried Out. the department, and set up the first you?" questioned the fond wife. headquarters of the American expehis personal staff. There, with the for you."-Puck.

ADVANCE GUARD IN FRANCE, aid of the general staff, of Secretary Baker and of the chiefs of the War Department bureaus, the plans were Two Boys Go To Horne's Pond to

Announcement of the sending of the forces under Gen. Pershing was made May 18. There came a day when Gen. Pershing was no longer Entente. News of Arrival Thrills in the department. Officers of the general staff suddenly were missing word from England that Pershing lem. and his officers were there.

word of publicity. The regiments that riage there on Wednesday. were to go with General Pershing moving toward the seacoast from the border. Other regiments also were moving north, east and west to be expanded, and the movements of the troops who were to be first in France were obscured in all this hurrying of troop trains over the land.

Great shipments of war supplies began to assemble at the embarkation ports. Liners suddenly were taken off their regular runs with no announcement. A great armada was made relatives and friends at Lillington ready, supplied, equipped as transports, loaded with men and guns and sent to sea, and all with virtually no mention from the press.

Navy Does Its Part.

The navy bears its full share in the achievement.

From the time the troops ships left their docks, responsibility for lives of their thousands of men rested at four o'clock. upon the officers and crews of the fighting ships that moved beside them or swept free the sea lanes before them. As they pushed on toward the danger zone, where German submarines lay in wait, every precaution that trained minds of the navy could devise was taken.

While his troops were embarking or steaming toward their destination, Gen. Pershing and his staff have been busy in France preparing the way for the new army. The camp sites have been sclected, the details of the final training before the move to the front have been worked out and the questions of supply and transportation lines studied. Regiments of the national army, composed of railway workers and engineers, will aid in that work. They too have been created in a few weeks time.

The War Department has no announcement to make as to General Pershing's disposition of his forces. Presumably that has been left to him to decide in conference with the French General Staff and the British army. The American troops will be an independent force, co-operating with the allies. It has been suggested that the Americans might be placed between the French and British forces as a connecting link.

of Cotton Red Spider.

When the order came to prepare er by dry, cotton in the central and Otho Gulley, Devan Barbour, War- Smithfield, were in our city for a immediately an expenditionary force eastern portions of North Carolina ren McCullers, Millard McCullers, short while yesterday. to go to France, virtually all of the is likely to be attacked by the Red Rudolph Barnes, Max Barbour, Benmen now across the seas were on the Spider, or Rust Mite. The creature nett Poole, Council Poole, Joseph Tur- a position with the Farmers Commer- Powell, Jessie Smith, and Estelle and in this struggle for freedom; that Mexican border. General Pershing itself is barely visible to the naked ley, Dr. Barnes, Herman Duncan and cial Bank here for some time, left Lela Talton, sanwiched as they were they are bringing into their work the himself was at his headquarters in eye, but in some years it does great a few others. Each and everyone last week to accept a position with by soft, sweet music by our own spirit of self-sacrifice and endurance, San Antonio. There were no army damage, and this was especially true had a delightful time.

Earlier in the season it lives on a D. H. GRAVES, COTTON BRO-

One method of preventing injury to cotton is to promptly destroy such dent Wilson decided that the plea of wild weeds as the insect lives upon the French High Commissioner and which are close to the cotton. This by Red Spider to cotton have been There were a thousand activities due to their getting started on poke-

As Usual.

"If you go first, dear, you'll wait Gen. Pershing dropped quietly into for me on the other shore, won't

"I suppose so," returned her hus-

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Bathe and One is Drowned. Much Interest in Red Cross Work. Miss Melba McCullers Entertains. Other Items of Interest.

Clayton, June 27 .- Miss Aldine from their desks. No word of this Oneil is spending a few days this was reported by the press. Then came week with relatives at Winston-Sa-

Misses LaRue Williams and Duba Other matters relating to the ex- Ellis left Tuesday morning for Apex pedition were carried out without a to attend the Crowder-Lowry mar-

Messrs. John G. Edwards and Joe were all selected before he left and Whitaker, of Franklinton, were in town for a few hours Sunday after-

> Messrs Elwood Kelly, Devare Barbour and Ruy Gulley spent Tuesday morning in Raleigh. Mr. Kelly joined the Navy.

> Mr. Wade Brown, of Selma, was in town Tuesday on business.

> Mrs. E. R. Gulley returned home Saturday from a few weeks' visit to and Fuquay.

On last Sunday afternoon at Horne's Pond a few miles from town, the young son Paul, of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boone, was drowned. The boy could not swim and while in bathing got in too deep water and the cemetery here Monday afternoon

Messrs. J. H. Atkinson, J. L. Ellis and A. V. Gulley spent Monday in Lillington on business.

The Red Cross organization here is Rose. others are joining daily. We hope the around Benson for a few days. interest may be kept up and great care for our soldiers as they go to of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt. the front.

day morning of this week in honor of her guest, Mrs. Warren, of Golds-

Grace Price and Mr. Charlie Godwin, matters. all of Lexington, spent Monday night here, returning Tuesday morning, ac- Smithfield Tuesday on business matcompanied by Mrs. Godwin who has ters. been here for a couple of weeks visting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnes.

On Tuesday night from eight-thirty Tuesday. to eleven-thirty Miss Melba McCullers in her charming manner enter- and Jas. P. Lee were in Smithfield tained a few of the young people of Tuesday on business. the town, Pleasant conversations were Mrs. Royal Hudson and children, of enjoyed by those present on the spa- Lower Johnston, were here the first cious lawn, in the parlor, on the porch, of the week visiting relatives. and every nook and corner. Punch Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon and chilwas served by Miss Douschka dren and Misses Alta and Vada Boon Barnes on the side porch. Later went up to Raleigh to-day on a short cream and cake was served. Those visit. present were Misses Lelia Duncan, been busy for days preparing for the PREVENT THE RED SPIDER. Hettie Wilder, Douschka Barnes, Mo- week attending the State Dental Sosalie Pope, Genie Thomas, Clee Ellis, President of the Association. Raleigh, N. C., June 25 .- Near the Gulley; Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Bass, Jr., and little Misses Mary Elizabeth, ble of the Loaves and Fishes. The so- For this reason it is a welcome relast of June, especially if the weath- Messrs. Aubrey Gattis, Ashley Horne, Annie Wellons and Mattie Lassiter, of cial features were the best of all. A lief to us to know that the farmers

KER, DIES AT GOLDSBORO.

Goldsboro, June 26 .- D. H. Graves, a prominent broker and cotton buyer returned today from a few days visit not a discordant note, and not a com- YOUTH DROWNED IN A of Goldsboro, died at his home here to relatives in Raeford. today suddenly of heart failure. For many years he had resided in Smith- June Johnson, to the Wilson Sana- skate was set back on a chair, a field, Fayetteville and Selma.

first wife being the mother of his five Adenoids to be removed. Wake Forest, Rev. D. C. Graves, pas- business. rearing of his children Mr. Graves about \$500. made Selma his home. It is there that terment will be made.

Porto Rico shipped over \$3,000,000 worth of fruit to the United States in recently spent a few days here at the ditionary forces in a little office, hard- band; with a sigh. "I never went 1915. Fresh pineapples shipped to home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Willy large enough to hold himself and anywhere yet without having to wait the mainland that year were valued liams. at \$1,723,694.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER. was here for a while on business this LOOKING TO AMERICAN FARMS.

Fourth of July to Be Characterized By Big Celebration, Speaking, Presentation of Prizes, Free Lemonade, and Great Coming Together of the People. John Chas. McNeill Book Durham. Other Items of Interest.

ker left Tuesday for Wilmington offender is known, and that he had where he will be for a few days.

Rev. Arthur Goodrich left the first that night. of the week, after spending a few days here with his father, Capt. J. W. Goodrich.

Mr. R. G. Grady, of Wilmington, was here the first of the week on busness matters.

Miss Mary Cook, of Aulander, arrived this afternoon and will visit here for a few days.

father this week.

on a visit to relatives.

here this week with relatives.

Mr. Richard Jernigan, of Elkhart, many friends besides. Ind., spent the week near here with his brother, Capt. C. C. Jernigan.

Langdon.

work will be done to protect and help Oaks, spent Sunday here at the home

Messrs. J. Will Moore, Alonzo Parrish and other Bensonians were in Misses Annie May Prapst and Lillington Wednesday on business

was a visitor to our city Monday and ments be even more simple now. At Messrs. N. T. Ryals, P. B. Johnson

Dr. W. T. Martin is in Durham this

Mount, N. C.

tor of the Baptist church in that The lumber plant belonging to Mr. a hot time. I don't know who won, or could swim. Paul got in first and, not town, one in Charlotte, and one his Preston Woodall in South Benson, what it takes to win. The night en- being familiar with the channel, daughter, Mrs. Vann, in Winston, N. caught fire the first of the week and tertainment was well delivered and which is very deep, waded out too C. None of his children were with but for the timely arrival of the Ben- received with music and applause. far, and when he stepped into the him when the end came, as he was son Fire Department would have been About \$19.00 was realized, which deep water he went down and could not thought to be fatally ill. During totally destroyed. However, the dam- goes for church purposes. his first marriage and during the age was slight, amounting to only I forgot to mention Prince Albert ing able to swim was helpless and im-

his first wife is buried and there in- nett County, was here for a few days generalisamo for everybody. If you for help. When they returned the mother with Mr. J. W. Whittenton.

Miss Addie Ennis, of Buie's Creek,

week.

Rev. G. W. Rollins went to Red Britain Says Man Who Drives the Springs the first of the week where he s conducting a revival meeting for ten days.

Some unknown party threw a large piece of iron through a plate glass Club Meets. Death of Mrs. Millage window in the front of the Parrish-Godwin Store here Tuesday night. imbibed too freely of beer and liquor

> there are wars and rumors of wars, ciated Press today. "The outcome of the course of true love in Benson continues to run, and judging from the rumors the wedding bells will soon begin ringing in our city again.

been living here for the past few the great struggle for freedom. years, died at her home last Thursday and was buried Friday near Four Mr. Julius Hodges, of Loris, S. C., Oaks. She was sick for a short time s here on business and visiting his only, being taken in the morning and dying in the same day. She was a Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams went daughter of Mr. Millard Massengill, up to Durham Saturday and Sunday of our town, and left surviving her, besides her husband, nine children. Mr. Jesse Turlington, who is in the She was not a member of any church, carry on to their plough lands the army at Goldsboro, spent a few days but was a good woman and will be missed not only by her family but by

The 4th of July is approaching and Benson is going to Celebrate the 4th Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Langdon, of again this year. More than a hundred could not get out. He was buried in Coats, were visitors here Sunday at prizes are offered for the best exhibit the home of their son, Mr. Dallas of horses, mules, oxen, flowers, etc. Free lemonade will be given to all who Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Perkins, of attend the celebration. The address of Smithfield, are spending the week welcome will be delivered by Mayor here with the family of Mr. J. H. Ezra Parker and the prizes will be awarded by Rev. J. T. Stanford, the doing splendid work. A large portion Mrs. J. G. Cagle and little children, address to be at 10 A. M. and the of the people have already joined and of Latta, S. C., are visiting in and delivery of prizes at 4 P. M. More than ten thousand people were here Rev. R. M. Von Miller, of Four on the 4th last year, and a crowd equally as large is expected this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yelvington, of Club met this afternoon at the home in increase grain production by Mrs. T. Miller White gave a sew- Cleveland township, are here this of Mrs. W. H. Royal, on West Main half," continued the minister. "Uping party at her home here on Tues- week on a visit to their daughter, street. After a business session the time was given to the discussion of timely topics, more time being given to the present Food Conditions and the work of our Red Cross. At the close of these lively round table Mr. Eugene Canaday went up to talks the hostess served simple but delightful refreshments. The club has never permitted its members to serve Mr. J. R. Baggett, of Lillington, elaborately and insists that refreshthis meeting Mrs. J. R. Barbour, who has been the Club's President since its organization four years ago, tendered her resignation.

Mr. Guy Lee and two sisters, Misses Lucile and Virginia, spent Sunday near Angier with relatives.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

unanimity and unselfishness. Every Godspeed the plough!" Mrs. J. W. Whittenton and children one ate, drank and made merry and plaint from any one that amidships Mr. P. B. Johnson took his son, were not property ballasted. This old torium yesterday where a slight op- fiddle box across his shafts and a sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Graves was twice married, his eration was performed on the boy for dish of fried trout, bread, coffee, Wesley Boone, of this place, was pickles supplied him by surviving children, four sons and one Messrs. J. H. Boon, W. D. Boon ladies, back set by Mr. Z. L. Talton, miles cast of here yesterday afterdaughter, who are resident, one in and W. H. Holmes went up to Smith- who understands the weak regions of noon about 4 o'clock. He, in company New York, one in Florida, one in field Tuesday for a short while on certain individuals. The ball game with an older brother, went out to the

> Holland, who was Master of Cere- mediately ran to the nearest house, Miss Myrtle Whittention, of Har- monies in all the departments and which was nearly half a mile away, recently at the home of her grand- can't have a good time when he is young fellow had sunk to rise no around you may know there is a more. It only took a few minutes to "hair in the greens."

X. X. X.

Stevenson's "Virginious Puerisque" Mr. John Huff, of East Bend, N. C., was finished before he was thirty-one. noon at Amelia church, near here.

Plough Is Helping Just As the One Who Shoulders the Rifle. England Doggedly Struggling To Increase Grain Production.

London, June 26 .- "Discontent of Although no papers have been served, the stomach is more to be feared than Benson, June 28 .- Mr. Jesse Par- it is understood that the name of the discontent of the brain-that is why we value the co-operation of American farmers," said R. E. Prothero, Notwithstanding the fact that Minister of Agriculture, to the Assothe war," he continued, "may ultimately hang on the question of food supplies, and the American farmer is Mrs. Millage Durham, who had allotted the essential part of play in

"To vindicate the cause of humanity and national liberty the great democracy of the Western world, true to its traditions, has taken its stand on the side of the allied peoples.

"President Wilson in his address April 15 puts to the forefront an appeal to the farmers. He bids them to same spirit that animates their brother allies in the trenches, on the sea and in munitions factories. The farmers' task is to make hills, plains and valley stand so thick with corn that they shall sing. Yet the man who drives a plough is helping as is the man who shoulders a rifle.

"The need of food for man and beast is great whether peace is won or war prolonged."

Replying to a question as to what the United Kingdom is doing in the way of food production, Mr. Prethero said that fully one-third of labor usually employed on land has been taken for war work. "Shorthanded, harassed by a hundred new difficulties, The John Charles McNeill Book the farmers are doggedly struggling wards of 120,000 women in England and Wales are toiling on land, hard and continuously. We have quadrupled our garden plots. After a hard day's work, men return to their

homes to labor with their wives. "Everywhere there is determination to eat within tether, however it may be. Brewing has been reduced to a minimum. This is a serious deprivation to men working at furnaces, in foundries and harvest fields.

"We are further contemplating a drastic reduction of our live-stock, so more grain may be available for human food.

"There is risk that the shortage of food may strain endurance to the breaking point. There is yet no indication that we even have distantly approached that point, but endurance A picnic at the church and basket might snap if, for instance, the milk ball and entertainment at Pomona supply failed, because then lives of school house last Saturday was all little children would be threatened. zelle Williams, Zenobia Bagwell, Ro- ciety Association. Dr. Martin is Vice that the promoters anticipated. All Thus there is a greater question inwas of the finest brand. 300 people im- volved in food supply than the loss of Elsie Poole, Sulon McCullers, Telza Messrs. J. A. Wellons and sons ported and exported the choicest vi- ordinary comfort of life or even re-Barnes, Thelma Barbour and Jessie William Wellons and J. A. Wellons, ands, which was likened to the para- duction in its accustomed necessities. little oratory, and declamations, and of the United States are co-operatallegories by Messrs. Percy Barnes, ing with the allies; that they fully Mr. A. L. Woodlief, who has held Leon and James Hill, Misses Cornelia realize the essential part they play one of the National Banks of Rocky string and home band. Judge Brooks and that they are determined to put cheered Sanders Chapel by his time- out the last ounce of their strength Mr. John Hall was a visitor to Ken- ly and appropriate praise for this to win the war on the plough lands ly and Smithfield Tuesday and Wed- community gathering and spirit of of the United States. Here and there,

POND NEAR CLAYTON

Clayton, June 25 .- Paul Boone, the the drowned in Horne's pond about two was like all others, fine, and they had pond to take a bath. Neither of them not get back. The other boy not beget the body out.

The remains were taken to the home and prepared for burial. The funeral and interment were this after-