# JAIL CONDITIONS UNSATISFACTORY

TWENTY-FOUR INSPECTED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SHOW LOW SCORES.

## DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

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

Raleigh

Twenty-four county jails, recently inspected by officials of the State Board of Health, have made an average score of 56 out of a possible 100. which the State Board of Health pronounces as unsatisfactory. The inspecion was conducted under the authority conveyed by an act of the last Legislature. The examination had to do particularly with provisions for the health of the prisoners, and examiners dealt mainly with precautions against vermin, ventilation, floor space, water supply, sewerage disposal, furniture, recreation, clothing, bathing, beds, flies and mosquitoes.

Before the last examination seven other county jails had been inspected with similar results. The results of inspections for the entire State will be included in a booklet to be published by the State Board of Health not later than March, 1819, which will contain, in addition to the reports of the surveys and gradings determined by the score card system, actual photographs of conditions.

The jails inspected, with their Buncombe, 53; Burke, are: 40; Caldwell, 67; Cabarrus, 66; Craven. 55; Edgecombe, 60; Franklin, 67; Hallfax. 69; Harnett. 62; Haywood. 40; Henderson, 52; Hoke. 60; Madison, 73; McDowell, 40; Mecklenburg, 65: Moore, 59: Northampton, 31; Or ange, 60; Richmond, 60; Scotland, 55; Transylvania, 28; Vance, 78; Watauga, 42; City of Asheville, 53. Transylvania and Northampton county jails scored lowest, while Vance and Madison, it may be said, made the only passable scores,

Among the conditions found that were violatinos of the rules and regulations for the sanitary management of county jails, as provided for in chapter 286, Public Laws of 1917, were: In a number of the jails the present of vermin and failure to separate prisoners having infectious diseases, and in the majority of the jails inspected lack of proper and sufficient clothing. particularly night clothing; lack of facilities for bathing, lack of cleanliness as to beds, as well as sufficient bedding; lack of screens against flies and mosquitoes and lack of the required measures for comfort and recreation

## Kerosene Menace- Looms Large.

James R Young, Commissioner of Insurance, is calling attention to the greatly increased number of deaths and fires caused by carelessness in the use of kerosene to start fires. He has just sent out the following:

"Week after week the casualties reance Department show signs of gross carelessness and add to the already observing this reckless practice in pathy, many parts of North Carolina. The Gove issue of one of the state papers:

County, was burned this morning at aging the people back home. 5:30 o'clock, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. sene oil. Indications are that the oil back home." was poured on the wood and a match struck to light the fire when by some means the can exploded, throwing oil on Mr. Williams. The flames spread

rushed to the bed and picked up her lowances little grandchild and in passing out of the room her clothing became ignited and she fell in a faint. The 6year-old daughter of Mr. Williams took one fourth larger in area than that the child and carried it outside the planted a year ago. Neighbors assisted the husband, wife, and mother out of, the building, but not until they had received wounds that will probably prove fatal"

## Kill Rats and Save Food.

The many economies being practised by North Carloina farmers to save all allow the rats and mice to make way can save by careful economy. It is estimated that the loss due to destruction by rats on the average North Caroliva farm will pay the taxes of that farm with some to spare. According to a bulletin received from the United States Department of Agriculture, the destruction of food and property in the United States amounts to millions.

Camps Buy Local Products.

Director B. W. Kilgore, of the Extansion Service, announced that fom information received from the Department of Agriculture at Wash ngton. local truckers in the vicinity of Na tional Guard Camp and National Army cantonment will be called upon to supply to some extent the vegetables needd by these stablishmnts. In a letter sent from the quartermaster's office at Charleston, S. C., to the camp quartermaster at each army camp in the southeastern department the following informtion is given: "It is desired that the growers in the vicinity of your cantonment be informed of the approximate quantity of vegetables that will be required during a given period, and informed that the government will purchase vegetables after sending out circular proposals and that the award will be made to grower or firm who offers the vegetables at the lowest price

"In furnishing this information, all those interested must be impressed with the idea that if growers or firms in some other part of the country agree to furnish vegetables at a better price the government will, of cours purchase from the lowest bid-

"Report will be made to this office, with the least practicable delay showing the approximate quantities of the various vegetables, which it is thought will be required at your camp for the winter and spring period."

Women Agents Are Named.

Announcements made some time ago that the North Carolina Agricultural Extension service would place a home demonstration agent as well as a farm demonstration agent in every county in the State, is now followed by the additional plan to place women agents in some of the larger cities of the State to aid in the movement for food conservation.

Miss Mary Clifford Bennett, a gradu. ate of the State Normal of Harrisburg. Va. and a post-graduate in dietetics at Battle Creek, Mich, will be stationed in Wilmington: Miss Ethel Mc Donald, a graduate in home economics of the Kansas State Agricultural Co:lege, and a post-graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Science at the same school, will be stationed at Asheville; Mrs. M. M. Davis, a graduate of the Tennessee State Normal School and with considerable experience in special work at the University of Tennessee and in Columbia University, will be stationed at Durham and Raleigh, devoting her time between the two cities; and Mrs. Kate Brew Vaughan, one of the best-known demonstrators of the South and teacher of home economics in the recent summer school held at the college at West Raleigh, will be stationed in Winston-Salem.

### Governor Grants Seven Pardons.

Seven pardons granted by Governor Bickett brings his total during the ten months of his administration to 172 against the 432 during Governor Craig's term. But the pardon, gates are becoming increasingly difficult to open. Sweeping surveys of prisoners. of the State have been followed by batches of pardons for men who, alone and without outside influence, have not thought of liberty. Generally speaking. Governor Bickett is getting down to the rock bottom and it is understood that pardons hereafter are going to be few and far between

ported to the North Carolina Insur- Suggests Aid For Families at Home, Governor Bickett appealed to the far too long list of dead and injured National Defense asking them to take by the thousand, and the British Russian fronts and a large body of the been recalled from the front. of negligence. Looming large among lies of soldiers, and especially to see the causes for this carelessness is the to it that where there is poverty and habit of using kerosene to start fires. sickness that these people are extend-In spite of warnings and citations of ed not only whatever financial aid is the horrible results, people are still necessary but also given human sym-

Governor Bickett quoted at length following item is taken from a recent from a letter he has received from "one of the most intelligent officers "A frame dwelling opposite the at Camp Sevier, in which the officer Southern depot at Advance, Davie called attention to th need of encour-

"The men here do not need Christ-Williams and Mr. Williams' aged moth- mas presents or feasts," the officer er were probably fatally burned. Two said, "they are all well cared for, have small children, rescued, were not their friends and acquaintances, but burned so badly. It is stated that Mr. they can not fully devote themselves Williams rose about 5:30 and was in to their work because they are thinkthe act of starting a fire with kero- ing continuously of the dependents

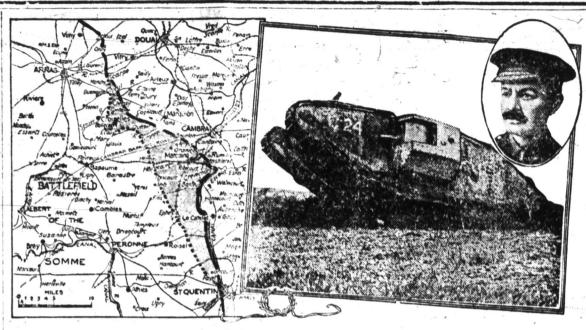
Governor Bickett also urged that a tention be given to the matter of allowances which the government has provided for the dependents of solover his clothing and in trying to ex- diers, asking that the county countinguish them Mrs. Williams caught cils give advice and instruction as to the manner of making up claims British salient, dominating the imme-"The aged mother of Mr. Williams against the government for these al-

> Reports indicate that the new winter wheat crop, just planted, is nearly tory they had gained.

About one hundred thousand manufacturers, wholesalers and other distributors of staple goods are now under the licensing provisions of the Food Control Act.

## New Charters Are Issued.

A chrater was issued for the Mc-Leansville Mill (Inc.), of McLeansfood possible is of no avail if he is to ville, Guilford county. The company proposes a general grain milling and with more food and feedstuffs than he mercantile business. The capital is \$8,000 authorized and \$5,500 subscribed by Chas. D. Cobb, J. M. Morehead Another charter is for the National Products corporation, of Sylva, N. C., capital \$150,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by Frank B. Allen, W. M. Hoffman, John A. Presley, for timber and development, furniture and gen eral wood working.



Map showing the region where the British have broken a great gap through the Hindenburg line and advanced almost to Cambral," At the right, one of the huge tanks that played an important part in the advance, and Lieut. Gen. Sir Julian Byng, who led the victorious Third army in the attack.

## **NEWS REVIEW OF** THE PAST WEEK

General Byng Smashes Through Hindenburg Line Toward City of Cambrai.

## **BOCHES TAKEN BY SURPRISE**

Tanks Play a Big Part in the Sensational Victory-Italians Bravely Resisting Powerful Attacks of Austro-Germans-Enemy Allens in Amertea Under Surveillance.

#### By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Lieut, Gen. Sir Julian Byng smashed a great hole in the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and the Scarpe. General Diaz and his heroic Italians put a stop for the times being to the Teuton attacks on most of the Pinve river line. General Allenby and the British army in Palestine moved steadily on to the envelopment of Jerusalem. The French struck the crown prince's forces a hard blow in the Alsne sector. President Wilson placed the severest restrictions on enemy aliens in the United States.

Altogether It was not a pleasant week for Kalser Wilhelm.

General Byng's sensational advance, which was begun Tuesday and continued through the week, was halled as the greatest British victory' since the Somme. Its success was due largely to the element of surprise, for the British had been delivering their preperetory artiflery fire much farther north and then suddenly attacked in Cambral sector, taking the Germans quite unawares. General Byng. who devised the plan and whose army carried it out, first sent out a great number of tanks, and as these cleared away the barbed-wire entanglements and broke through two of the strongest lines in the German defense system in the west, the infantry and cavalry followed with a rush that carried all before it. The Germans were demoralized, and for many hours of after village, and quickly consoliciat ing the enemy positions, which had not been badly demolished by shell fire.

Almost to Cambrai.

On Wednesday the resistence of the enemy stiffened considerably, but to no exait, for the Critish pushed on antil they had put behind them the towns. Mosni res. Marcoing, Ribecourt. Hayrincourt, Graincourt and Flesguieres. The tanks still were leading the way, and co-operating with them were the mounted forces, which have had so little opportunity for real netion By Thursday noon Pyny's troops azere but little mere than two miles from Cambrai, and his big guns had begun to shell that most important German base and callway center

The British swiftly built roads and light raily avs across the captured section up to their new lines and also began to widen out their salient, which at first was dangerously sharp. Crown Prince Ruppfecht rushed up masses of troops and took up a strong position in Bourlon wood just north of the diate region. He also pushed the advance posts of the British out of Fontaine Notre Dame, but they held and consolidated all the rest of the terri-

The secrecy which enveloped the preparations for this great inovement for the skill of the British commanders and the efficiency of the aviation corps which prevented the enemy sir scouts from discovering the massing of troops and taglis. The Cambrai and the Germans considered that part of their defense lines impregnable; They also thought an attack in force on such defenses could not be made successfully without artillery preparation. At tremendous cost they have learned they were mistaken in both in- Paris conference.

and the possible forcing of a general retreat of the Germans on the west front, the immediate object of this British offensive probably was to relieve the pressure on the Italians and of his speech he said the government scope near Rio Grande do Sul.

to prevent a threatened attack by the | ceased to fear the submarine menace, Teutonic forces on the Saloniki front, and that the only other thing that Very large numbers of German troops could shatter the allies' hope of vichave been taken from the Russian tory was lack of unity. That, he asfront, and while many of them were serted, was now to be remedied.

sent to replace the worn-out divisions in Flanders, others probably were turned toward the Greek frontier, for as many American troops as pos-Not many could be used in Italy owing slble, and said the easing of the postto the narrowness of the fighting front there.

It does not seem reasonable to as- gram of launching six millions of shipsume, from the success of Byng's attack, that the allies have any idea of fect. He asserted that the most drasabandoning high explosive artillery tic food restrictions were about to be preparation for such movements in the future and depending on the use of great masses of infantry, regardless of the consequent heavy casualties, Either great droves of tanks such as Byng used, or heavy shelling, is necessary to open the way for infantry and it is likely the tanks alone could not been taken so completely by sur

The movements of the French last week were not so sensational as those of the British, but they were of great importance, A strong sallent of the German line to the south of Juvincourt was attacked and partly straightened out, and all the positions recent ly won north of the Chemin des Dames were maintained. It is not unlikely when it meets, but the way in which that the Germans will be forced to a line north of Laon, losing that very troops shows he has no further fear important city.

Allenby Surrounding Jerusalem.

Jerusalem seems the certain prize of General Allenby's expeditionary forces from Russia stories of violent protests In Palestine, for after taking Juffa be against a separate peace by the peomoved on to the east and northeast un. | ple. and in some cases by the soldiers, til he had the city almost surrounded. If the Turks attempt seriously to defend it, it may be Allenby will draw murching toward Moscow with a large a cordon about it and starve them into army, and in a very roundabout way surrender, rather than shock the came the story that these troops had Caristian world by bombarding its been turned over to Grand Duke Nich-

the Italians held on to their Piave archy with the grand duketas regent, river line and its continuation in the Latest reports of Kerensky were that assuntains, between the Playe and the he was at Luga with two army corps Breath so checked the Austro German that remained loyal to his faction. The advance that attacks virtually censed fallen premier, however, seems to be during the first half of the week. On quite out of the reckoning. Thursday, however, the enemy began | The dismemberment of Russia proa great mass attack on the upper Pi- ceeded with the declaration of the in: ave where it bends to the northeast dependence of the Ukraine, and a cominto the Belluno Alps. The German promise between the Socialist' and commander brought into action picked Bourgeois parties in Finland directed troops of the Prussian guards, some against the Russian soldiery. It is chairmen of the County Councils of fered little resistance, surrendering of the best units from the west and said 360,000 Ukraiman troops have moved rapidly forward, taking village potoriously brutal mountaineers from | In view of the conditions in Ru American Troops Going Over Fast.

It is no breach of confidential infor nation to state now that the transpor taMon of American troops to Europe ity, and that General Pershing prob der strict surveillance and imposing ably will have a million men in his drastic restrictions on them. They are command by next summer. The train- burred from the District of Columbia ing of a great part of the National and Panama, from all shipping cenarmy will be curtailed in America and ters and all domestic waters except en The British government has now come change their place of abode or occuover to the view of the French war prition without permission. All enemy using that our troops get into section. The proclamation applies only to Gerin as large numbers and as swiftly as man citizens or subjects at present. is possible. This has been the pro- but congress may be asked to declare time, and the ship-building program the thousands of Austrian subjects has been speeded up accordingly. In also may be placed under surveillance. fact. President Wilson is insisting on swiftness in all departments, and on pacifists, the American Federation of Monday he made his requirements in Labor, in convention at Buffalo, emthis line clear to various cabinet offi- phetically indorsed the position of cers and other officials. At the same President Compers, that union labor time he appointed Daniel Willard must work hand in hand with Presichairman of the war industries board dent Wilson and place the needs of to succeed Frank A. Scott, who re- the nation above all other considerasigned on account of ill health.

eral manager of the emergency fleet war. corporation on Thursday because the does not believe the policy of con- Thursday afternoon between President structing wooden ships will result sat. Wilson and the presidents of the four was astounding and speaks volumes isfactorily, and thinks the shipping brotherhoods of railway employees, board should have extended existing the chief executive believed the danger plants to their capacity instead of at of a general railway strike was greatly tempting to build new yards. Chair- lessened if not wholly averied. Mr man Huffey, however, is eradicating Wilson infinited that he thought the many of the causes of compaint and men should have higher wages, and the sector had been quiet for a long time, his program promises to be successful brotherhood herds said that, though if he can get enough labor.

a supreme wife council of the allies, in arriving at a just and equitable as and has instructed Colonel House to well as patriotic conclusion." do all he can to bring it about at the

Triumph for Lloyd-George.

Next day, in the Anglo-American war council, the premier made his call tion of the allies depends entirely on the dates on which the American proping in 1918 comes into practical efplaced on the people of the British isles, and said he regarded the tightening of the blockade as of next importance.

#### Russia Asks an Armistice.

The Russian government-meaning the bolsheviki group in control of Petrograd-on Wednesday instructed not have done it if the Germans had General Bukhonin, the commander in chief, to open negotiations for an armistice with the commanders of the en-Bokhonin refused and emy armies. was deposed, being succeeded by Ensign N. Krylenko of the pavy. The kaiser is reported already to have refused to treat concerning peace with any but the legalized ressors to the government of the czar or the constitutional, assembly he has denuded his eastern line of of hostile action by the Russians.

Whether or not he is Justified in this attitude is uncertain, for there come General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, was reported to be olas, cousin of the former czar, in pur-The remarkable tegricity with which snance of a plan to restore the mon-

the United States has stopped the shipment of supplies to that country.

Restrictions on Enemy Aliens. President Wilson opened the week auspictously by issuing the long-needis going forward with increasing rapid-led order placing all enemy allens uncompleted, quickly on French soil, public ferries, and may not travel or commission that visited us and is allens are to be required to register. grain of the administration for some war against Austria-Hungary, so that

Sauchhing the opposition of a few tions in questions involving the work-Rear Admiral Capps resigned as gen- ingman's part in the prosecution of the

As a result of a long conference they could not provide there would be Mr. Wilson is earnestly-even in no strike they would "co-operate with sistently-in favor of the creation of the government to the utmost exten

Germany has been working on a plan the health statistics from every quarfor operating submarines along the coast of Brazil, with bases in Brazil-Actack Has Several Objects.

When Premier Lloyd-George came ian waters, according to disclosures reAside from the capture of Cambral to reply to his critics in parliament, sulfing from the arrest of a promiconcerning his advocacy of the inter-nent resident of Rig de Janeiro, Atallied war council, he gained a great may be some of the U-boats already personal triumph and quite routed As- are there, for fishermen and constwise quith and his followers. In the course vessels report having sighted a peri-

## M'CLURE STIRS STUDENTS

His oudress at N. C. University is Powerful Indictment of Germany's War Methods.

Chapel Hill.—Before an audience of students and townspeople that more than taxed the capacity of Gerrard hall, S. S. McClure made the most powerful indictment of German methods of waging war that has ever been given here. He showed conclusively that Germany and Germany alone was responsible for the present war; that lengland, under Lord Grey's leadership had done all that any nation could do to keep the peace of Europe and that America could not do otherwise than throw in her lot with England and France in helping to make the world safe for democracy.

Perfect attention was given to Mr. McCture for an hour and a half, despite the fact that large numbers were forced to stand in the back of the room and in the gallery When he had closed the applause was tumuliuous and, as the students gathered outside the building to and cheers were given for the speaker

"If we had stayed out of this war, this would have been the saddest of all Thanksgivings in our history," said Mr. McClure. "Now that we have gone in, this should be the gladdest Thanksgiving in our history."

Continuing he said it once seemed so hopeless that we really would act. the war was so terrible a thing; it is a terrible thing for our boys to go over there, but it would be more terrible not to go.

In conclusion, the speaker declared that the creating of the union be tween England and America and France was the greatest of all German's achievements, the greatest event in modern history was the creation of the union between these countries to preserve the decencies of life.

### Seeking Co-Operation.

Raleigh .- The -transportation committee of the North Carolina council of defense Col. Benehan Cameron, chairman is issuing an appeal to the people of the state for extraordinary co-operation of shippers and railroad managements in the use of all freight cars that are available to their utmost capacity and on the fastest schedules to overcome the extraordinary demands that are being made for the movement of supplies for civil and military purposes:

The appeal sets out that a set of imple rules already being observed to some extent and likely to be very generally put in operation has already given a large degree of relief with far greater relief promised when the rules become generally observed. All shippers are urged to pursiase from the nearest markets, be prepared to store the largest car load deliveries; group orders to carload lots when a single order is not that much; and promptly unload cars as they will stand idle the least bit of time possible.

The railroad authorities are urged to load heavyweight freight to 10 per cent in excess of marked capacity of cars and pack lightweight shipments to the closest space. Group small ship ments for carload transportation and handle cars on fastest possible sched. ules with prompt placing of cars for unloading and use most direct routes in all shipments,

## Central Hotel for Teachers.

Charlotte - The local entertainment committee for the Teachers' Assem bly has arranged with the manage ment of the Central Hotel to have this hotel thrown open Monday, November 26, for the special benefit of the Teachers' Assembly. This will relieve all doubt as to the inability of the Charlotte hotels to accommodate visiting school men who wi'l be in attendance

The Central hotel has been remodeled inside and out, and has been handsomely furnished throughout well mahogany and Circassian walnut. Telephones and hot and cold water have been installed. It is strictly a modern hotel in every respect. Aninformation and Registration Bureau will be opened in the lobby of the Central and it will be sonsidered one of the assembly headquarters. The local committee are very greatly re-Heved because of this arrangement. The school men over the state need feel no apprehension as to accommodations while in Charlotte

## NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS

The French army officers stationed at Camp Greene visited in Statesville this week

Robeson and Cumberland countles were among the many that went "over the top" in the Y. M. C. A. campaign.

Ex-Governor Locke Craig, who has been critically ill at his home in Asheville, has slowly but surely improved and his physicians state now that unless some unforeseen setback occurs his recovery is assured.

North Carolina's death rate for the past year was 13 deaths per thousand population, compared with 132 for the previous year. There was very little change in the birth rate. This is the announcement just made by the state board of health after compilation of ter of the state. The deaths in the state for the past year were 3 131, of which 18,714 were white people and 12,657 negroes. The negro death rate is six points higher than the death rate of the white people. That is, the death rate of the negross is 17, and that of the white 112