

HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN PILOTING CO-ORDINATION MEASURE OF SIGNAL VALUE.



Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina Peoole, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Raleigh.

Special from Washington .- On all hands in Washington from people who know the vigorous opposition which the Overman bill received when it was first introduced, there is high praise and warm commendation of Senator Overman of North Carolina for the victorious leadership and the great ability he has shown in the five weeks' debate on this important measure.

When it was first introduced there was great hue and cry against it, a number of Democrats joining with Republicans in saying that it gave too much power to the President. Senator Overman in a very able and vigorous speech showed that in time of war it was necessary to vest in the chief executive large powers, and that one of the troubles of the Allies across the sea was that there was divided responsibility. He argued convincingly that America in its prosecution of the war should give all necessary power to the chief executive so that there would be no waste of energy and every facility of the government might operate in harmony.

More Soybeans This Year. From the results of a survey of the county agents of the state, there is every indication to believe that soy

beans will be planted on a greatly in creased acreage this year. In some counties, where the crop has not been grown to any extent in the past two or three years, will this year put in severa lthousands of acres.

Instances of this, as reported to Mr .C. B. Williams, Chief Division of Agronomy, are seen in the case of Wake county, wher e2,500 acres are reported by County Agent Chamblee. One thousand acres in Nash as reported by County Agent Burroughs. Three thousand acres in Grene, as reported by County Agent Middleton. Five thousands acres in Edgecombe, as reported by County Agent Moore. Fifteen hundred acres in Cherokee, as reported by County Agent Hampton. Twenty-five hundred acres in Rutherford, as reported by County Agent Proffitt. Twelve hundred acres or more in Burke, as reported by County Agent Perkins. Twenty-five hundred acres in Halifax, as reported by County Agent Stevens. Fifteen hundred to two thousand acres in Union, as reported by County Agent Brook. One

theusand acres in Clay, as reported by County Agent Dead. One thousand acres in Martin, as reported by County Agent Craven. Eighten thousand acres in Sampson, as reported by County Agent Boyd.

McLean Given Appointment.

Special from Washington, D. C .- The President has nominated A. W. Mc-Lean of Lumberton for a director of the war finance corporation board. Senator Simmons asked that Mr. Mc-Lean be appointed. The naming of Mr. McLean is the biggest thing that has gone the way of North Carolina since Mr. Daniels was appointed secretary of the navy.

Mr. McLean will receive \$12,000 a year and he gets one of the four-year terms. The entire North Carolina delegation in Congress is proud of the It has been a long, hard fight, and McLean appointment, for it is a recog-

POLK COUNTY NEWS, TRYON, N. C.

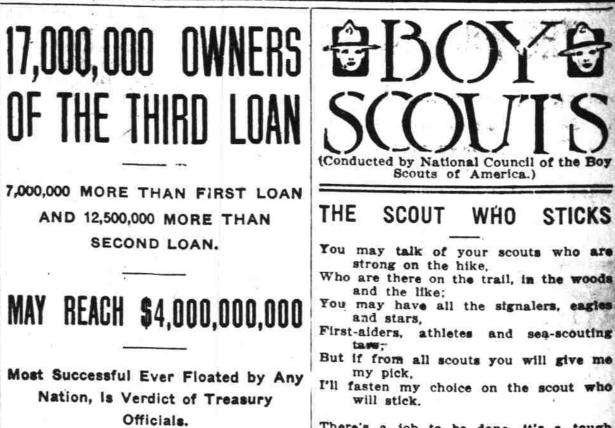
DETAILED TO STATE COLLEGE Grows Out of Arrest, Trial and Acquittal of Gaston B. Means for Murder.

ANOTHER CONCORD SENSATION

Concord, N. C .- As a sequel to the famous case growing out of the killing of Mrs. Maud A. King, widow of the late James C. King, Chicago millionaire, near here last August 29, and the subsequent notable trial last December of Gaston B. Means, her financial agent, who was acquitted of the charge of having murdered her, a sensation was sprung here when it developed that a state warrant had been issued by Justice of the Peace C. A. Pitts, for the arrest of C. B. Ambrose, who was prominently identified with the development of the case against Means last fall.

Ambrose is charged with misrepresenting himself as being in the service of the United States Department of Justice during the months of August, September and October, 1917. It is understood that the warrant was issued at the instance of parties representing Means.

In connection with the action against Ambrose it developed that persons close to Means are advancing the theory that Mrs. King was killed by a German spy, who is alleged to have shadowed Means during several weeks prior to the death of Mrs. King, and it is asserted that a warrant will very probably be issued early the coming week for the arrest of a "mysterious" German who was in Concord for several weeks prior to the killing of Mrs. King and visited Misenheimer Spring, the scene of the tragedy, a day or two prior to her death. From the same source comes the statement today that the bullet which killed Mrs. King is now believed on the strength of investigations made since the Means trial to have been intended for Gaston Means, the only person with the woman at the time she was shot.



Washington .- Analysis of Liberty loan reports showed that probably 17,000,000 persons bought bonds in the campaign which has closed-7,000,-000 more than in the second loan and 12,500,000 more than in the first.

Latest tabulations showed \$3,316,-628,250 reported subscriptions, but the treasury now believes the actual total, which may run to \$4,000,000,000, will not be definitely known until May 13, four days after individual banks are required to report to federal reserve banks.

"Whatever the money total," said a treasury statement tonight, "the loan just closed probably is the most successful ever floated by any nation. The marvelous distribution of the third Liberty loan indicates that one out of every six persons in the United States may have participated in this loan."

Banks' resources, it was pointed out, have Leen drawn on comparatively little to make the loan a success, and the prospects for future loans are brighter as a consequence. An added reason for jubilation among treasury officials is the indication that the

You may talk of your scouts who are

STICKS

Who are there on the trail, in the woods

You may have all the signalers, eagles sea-scouting

But if from all scouts you will give me

fasten my choice on the scout who

There's a job to be done, it's a tough one. I fear:

It may take a week, it may take a year. Who's going to do it? Here comes the chap

He takes off his coat, he throws down his cap

Looks at the job, shuts his jaws with a click-

Fellows, that's him, the scout who will stick

Problems arise as the job goes along. Nothing works right and everything's WIONG.

When things look the blackest some scouts will say:

'Oh, gee, what's the use?" and then beat It away.

But some one fights on through the thin and the thick. And we find at the end the scout who will

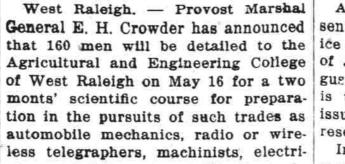
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-The Cave Scout.

GROWTH OF COAST SCOUTS.

Beginning on January 15, 1917, with a nucleus of ten organized troops and an enrollment of 193 boys, the San Francisco council now directs the activities of 60 different troops with a total enrollment of 1,704 scouts, an increase in one year of 50 new troops and 1,500 boys.

The scout program has reached every element of boy life in the city, regardless of race, creed, class or condition. Of the 60 troops now in existence, 28 are located in protestant churches, 14 in Catholic churches, three in Jewish synagogues, eight are, known as community troops without any particular affiliation, five are in institutions and there are also a Japanese and a Chinese troop. Archbishop Hanna, in writing to Father Hunt, chaplain of the Catholic troops says: "I fully approve of the plan you have placed before me for the organization of the boy scouts. At any time the movement as outlined would merit every commendation, but in the present national and world crisis, the movement ought to be not only commendable, but even necessary. I am deeply grateful to you for your wise interest in the work and I pledge to you every assistance in my power."



less telegraphers, machinists, electricians and telegraphers. Similar technical schools were designated in various portions of the United States but North Carolina's share of the war trained technical students will study at the Agricultural and Engineering College.

A. & E. FOUND MOSE SUITABLE

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Requirements of Army Make it Neces-

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· for Modern Warfare.

OTHER COLLEGES ALSO

160 MEN

The war department has adopted a policy whereby 60,000 specialists will be trained in technical schools of the United States this summer. The students will not be assigned to any special branch of the army service until they have completed the two months course, at the termination of which tim ethey will be distributed to the various branches of army service.

The requirements of the army for waging modern warfare make it important for the training of thousands of specialists. Other North Carolina educational institutions may later be

flected great credit upon him, upon his Heel. State, and upon the country. He is recognized as one of the strong leaders of the senate, and during this session he has had the honor and distinction of introducing and securing the passage in the senate of four other war measures of the highest importnace, namely, the espionage bill, two sabotage bills and the woman spy bill.

The Need of Scrutiny.

The final settlement of the stock fraud case against Joel F. Armistead of the Empire Steel Company, brings squarely to the public attention the necessity for strict official scrutiny of the stock sale operations of domestic corporations proposing promotion, according to J. R. Young, state insurance commissioner. Mr. Young points to the efficacy of the Blue Sky law and argues a demand for a similar hiw which will give to some depart. ment-not necessarily the insurance department-the duty of controlling these operations.

In the case of the Empire Steel Company, before the stock sales in this state were undertaken by Armistead and his agent, a North Carolina charter was secured in addition to the Delaware charter, apparently for the purpose of getting around the North Caorlina Blue Sky law. With no such ders on horses caused by the improper law in Virginia, the promoters had al- fitting of collars, and improper adjustready sold \$20,000 worth of stock on the basis of a non-resident corporation. In North Carolina ,their designs were blocked. As the result, two dummy local incorporators were secured, and without formality of actual organization the sale of stock was begun.

Insurance Commissioner, which greatly helped to establish the intent to defraud when these stock salesmen were to the top of the neck. The upper confronted by the insurance commissioner. They were ready to admit should be wide enough to allow one to that they were selling stock in a corporation that really had no official existence except that which could be the upper part of the neck is thick a based upon a clerically issued charter from the secretary of state under | collar should be used, so as not to which no organization had been formed, and once they were caught disposition of them was not diffcult.

Democratc Chiarman Re-elected.

years, the Democratic state executive a galled condition." committee apointed a committee of three to confer with the Republican Don't Rush New Crop. tate committee to the and that an

Senator Overman's leadership has re- nition of the financial ability of a Tar

"Naturally I am very much elated over the nomination of Mr. McLean," said Senator Simmons. "It is a very excellent one."

From Senator Simmons' office the department. following facts about Mr. McLean were given out: He is one of the ablest young men in North Carolina. His success in business affairs has been phenomenal. At the age of 26 he organized the Lumberton National bank and became its president, a poone of the strongest institutions of the kind in the state. Later, Mr. McLean organized a local railroad company to idleness fostering gambling and tendgive his town and community com- ing to icrease crime. petitive rates to the outside world. He is president of the road, which has succeeded beyond all expectation. Large cotton mill concerns were organized by Mr. McLean and he is their ther postponement of the vote for anfinancial manager. Manufacturing plants built and set in motion by him have succeeded. A better man for the war finance corporation board could not have been found in the south. Mr. McLean was nominated for one of the four-year terms.

Fitting the Horse Collar.

"Much trouble results on the average farm each year from sore shoulment of hames," says a recent statement from J. S. Montgomery of the University of Minnesota.

"The collar should fit the shoulder so that in length there is just room for the flat of one's hand between the collar and the neck at bottom. In width the collar should fit snugly sue a year ago." It was this course, according to the against the sides of the neck from a point three inches above the shoulder point, to a point about half-way up one-third to one-half of the collar pass the thick of the hand between the collar and the side of the neck. If "Quarter Sweaney" or "Half Sweaney" pinch the neck. A collar too wide at the top will produce a sore neck on account of side motion of the collar as the horse walks.

"Sweat pads should be avoided as Re-electing Thomas D. Warren, of they hold the heat and sweat and pro-New Bern, chairman for two more duce a tender shoulder, often causing

"Do not rush Irish potatoes to may-

designated as the training ground for these students, but the ready equipment and facilities at the Agricultural and Engineering College were found superior to other state institutions by the investigaton committee of the war

Close Raleigh Pool Rooms. Raleigh .- The pool rooms of Raleigh were ordered closed at midnight on May 31, when the city commissioners unanimously adopted resolutions sition he now holds. The bank is declining to renew city license and describing pool rooms as harmful and unnecessary institutions, encouraging

> The final action on the question of closing the pool rooms was taken after Mr. W. B. Jones, representing the owners of the places, had asked for a furother day in order that he could present additional argument for his clients. However, Commissioner Mooneyham stated that he saw no reason why the matter should not be decided at once and the vote was taken.

> The resolutions adopted were introduced by Mr. Mooneyham as a substitute to Mr. Pace's resolutions, offered previously and made the pool room closing a moral instead of a patriotic move as provided in the Pace resolution.

> Mr. Pace, explaining why he advocated closing the parlors for patriotic reasons, stated that he did not wish to embarrass officials of the present or any previous administration by making the issue a moral one. "If it is a moral issue today, it was a moral is-

Were Penned in Tunnel.

Lincolnton.-While at work in a tunnel at the tin mine near town, Messrs. Jake Johnson and Jake Mosteller had a narrow escape from death when the tunnel, in which they were operating the hydraulic pressure apparatus, caved in and the men were completed buried by dirt.

Men at work at the mine immediately set to work with tools in an effort to rescue the men from their peril, and they succeeded in a short time.

Neither of them was injured seriously. Mr. Johnson suffered a fracture of ribs and was painfully bruised. Mr. Mosteller's shoulder was dislocated, and he was otherwise bruised.

Tought War Near Over.

Army Deserter Shot.

Asheville.-In a pitched battle between T United States deputy marshal, his posse and a band of deserters from the army fought at an early hour in the Barker's Creek section of Jackson county, one of the alleged deserters, James Messer, was shot by the officers and is now in a hospital at Waynesville expected to live only a lew hours. A brother, Hastings Messer, is under arrest charged with desertion and resisting an officer.

For the past several months there has been much indignation on the part of the residents of Jackson county in that the Barker's Creek section of the county, which is rather wild and inaccessible, was the rendezvous of two bands of deserters from the army, armed with government rifles and ammunition, who defied arrest. Much indignant criticism has been made of navy." the sheriff of the county, it being charged that he was afraid to make arrests, and as a final resort a large number of requests came to the office of United States Marshal Charless A. Webb, of Asheville, for the appointment of a special deputy to assist the

local officers. A few days ago Charles C. Mason, of Dillsboro, was appointed deputy marshal and instructed to gather a posse and go after the men, and on Saturday night Mr. Mason, together with C. T. Roan, of Bryson City, and a posse of seven went to the home of the Messe: boys, where Hastings Messer was arrested and in a battle between James Messer and the officer James was seriously wounded

Jailed for Pro-German Talk.

Greenville, N. C .- No little excitament was occasioned on the streets here when news became current that J. H. Ketchum, of alleged German descent and a resident of the city had been placed under arrest by government officials for pro-German utterances the warrant charged him with violation of the espionage act, section three, which forbids, among other things, unpatriotic remarks.

Durham: Economic and Social. Chapel Hill .- Durham County: Economic and Social is the title of a new one hundred-page illustrated bulletin that has just come from the press. It is the second study of county economic and social problems to appear in North Carolina, the first being Sampson county: Economic and Social, issued in late 1917.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

government bond-buying habit is becoming stronger among people of small means, and that they probably will invest even more heavily in the fourth loan next fall.

Secretary McAdoo, in a statement thanking the nation for its support of the loan, said the widespread distribution of bonds "is particularly gratifying, and added:

"This is the soundest form of national war finance-the distribution of the loan among the people themselves."

He urged subscribers to retain their bonds, unless there is a pressing necessity for selling them, both to help maintain the credit of the government, and as a stimulus to "those economies and savings which release materials and labor necessary to the support, if not the very life, of our army and



Over the battle lines along the Piave river and in the mountainous scouts under his jurisdiction: region in northern Italy, where the allied forces have been holding their | that the boy scouts realize the position positions since last November after they occupy in the country, and what the great Italian retreat from the is expected from them. Isonzo, there is increased tension and the long threatened blow at thi sfront may be launched by the Teutonic allies within a few days.

Rumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies, and it is believed that

it will not be long before the central powers will make another attempt to reach the plains of Venetia, break through the allies' lines and seek to bring about a decisive combat in that theater of the war.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff and high German and Austrian army officers, is reported on his way to the Italian front and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions.

United States Consul Dies. Washington .- The death of Maddin

Summers, United States consul general at Moscow, was announced in a cablegram to the state department. Mr. Summers collapsed under the strain of long months of overwork.

U. 8. TROOPS PENETRATE

SCOUTS SHOULD BE PREPARED.

A. E. de Ricqles, of Denver, president of the local scout council, has addressed the following message to the

"At this time it is especially desired

"Soiled uniforms, slouchy carriage and slovenly appearance will not be tolerated in a scout, and scoutmasters and others in authority will please see For many weeks, the Italian war to it that the scouts so understand. It office has been aware that the Aus- is desired to teach the scouts how to trians have been assembling the le- march and the proper way to stand gions withdrawn from the Russian and and walk, and more attention will be given to these features.

"There are many duties for scouts to remember-such as their duty to their parents, to their city, to their church and to their country. Never miss a chance to perform any of the duties that are always waiting for you. Never forget to be patriotic in all

things and never forget to show your respect to the flag of your country.

"We are about to enter a period in our history the like of which has never before been experienced. Before we are through with it some of you may be far away fighting for your country. There are a thousand things that scouts can do here at home that will help win the war. Remember the scout motto, 'Be Prepared.'"

EXAMPLE OF A TRUE SCOUT.

A scout in Asheville, N. C., has made an unusual performance as a "government dispatch bearer." Frederick James Meech, thirteen years of age, turned in the names of 380 citi-

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		State, and the local drive will be start.	annual convention of the association	commerce pledging the aid of the	peror Charles, the chief of the Aus	They have 82 scouts in their organ-
00	ombined with shortage of vessels	ed with special services in all the	held in this city. The convention held	Monroe organization in the movement.	trian general staff and several high	ization who have been successful in
m	asy result in a scarcity of grain bags	Raleigh Baptist churches. Among the	morning, afternoon and nigh tsessions,	Statesville can now boast o fa pop-	German and Austrian officers have	getting a blaze with the fire sticks.
in	America, states Director B. W. Kil-	speakers who will present the matter	which included a banquet. The officers	ulation of between 7,500 and 8000, a		More than 200 students in the short
g	ore, of the Agricultural Extension	at the various church services are Dr.	elected for the ensuing year are J. I.	considerable bit of territory being		
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