THE WEATHER

Generally fair Saturday except showers in extreme west portion; Sunday

GERMANY IS LISTENING-MAKE YOUR MONEY TALK-BUY A LIBERTY BOND!

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WILMINGTON GETS PERMANENT GOVERNMENT SHIPYARD

GERMANS ARE HURLING MASSED DIVISIONS INTO BATTLE IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK ALLIED LINES

Desperate Attempt to Drive Wedge Between British and French Armies

THEIR OBJECTIVE

Allied Legions So Far Are Holding Their Lines Firm Except at Two Points

THESE ONLY MINOR LOSSES

Counter-Attacks in Three Salients Drive Enemy Back

(Associated Press War Summary.) In a battle which has lasted since Thursday and which probably is still continuing with utmost fury, the Germans have been hurlmassed divisions against the Pritish and French lines from far ALILI HANULU DI north of Albert to a short distance north of Montdidier.

Probably there has not been a more sanguinary battle fought tonic offensive March 21 than this which has for its objective the driving of a wedge between the British and French armies, the cutting of the Paris-Amiens railroad south of Amiens and the capture of that city.

Germans Gain But Little.

But in spite of the power of the attack and the desperateness of the fighting the Entente allied legions have stood firm over most of their front. At only two points have they been forced give ground and these seem, on the

ance and the French have given up the llage of Costel west of Moreuil which as been the storm center of the German assaults for the last few days. At his point the Teutons are within three niles of the Paris-Amiens road. The German official statement claims 10 90,000 and the guns to 1,300.

heir lines about 12 miles east of the ticipated in the hanging. back of the allies lends itself to ing forces to expose themselves to con-

It is necessary for the Germans to break through the British and French this penalty. nes in this region or to outafink the by a drive to the north and south of Montdidier seems to have for object the turning of the allied po-That the Albert and Moreuil ectors are vital to the allied defense shown by the stern resistance main-

Americans Are There. The dawning of the first anniversary he entry of the United States into war finds General Pershing's veters somewhere in the pattle zone. How any are there, what units have been losen for the fight and where they nown. It is probable, however, that eitner actually in the struggle or is eld in reserve immediately behind the

pite of the terrific strain to which have regained some ground. One of the United States entered the war he sert a provision in the bill excluding these points is near Grivesnes, a short declared he was "all for America." near Hebuterne and another be- | was said tonight, in a s try attacks have been made on this front by the Germans, but their artillery has been very active as far east as in Dresden, Germany and came to the Novon. The line on the northern side United States in 1905. of the salient also has been bombarded

heavily. Artillery Engagements.

There have been artillery engage dents in various sectors of the Belgian (Continued on Page Ten.)

Senate Discusses Steps To Put An End To Disloyalty

nounce Sedition, German

Spies and I. W. W.

MAY PASS

Overman's Efforts to Get Vote on

Sedition Measure Yesterday

Was Blocked by Reed

CABINET GIVES ATTENTION

Legislation Necessary in Order to

Prevent Mob Rule

dition, German spies and the I. W. W.

and discussion of how the espionage

these evils and avoic mob law, with-

out abridging the fundamental liber-

While the Senate debated the pend-

ing sedition bill, carrying severe pen-

alties for disloyal unterances and at-

tempts to obstruct the draft and the

Liberty loan, President Wilson and

the cabinet gave attention to the re-

ports of the lynching of Robert Pra-

ger, a German, at Collinsville, Ill.,

said afterward the deplorable inci-

dent emphasized the necessity for im-

the government to deal with disloy-

alty and enemy agitation so that the

people would not be tempted to take

Administration leaders in the Sen-

ate hope to pass the sedition bill to-

morrow, the anniversary of Ameri-

ca's entrance into the war. An agree-

night by Senator Overman, in charge

of the measure was blocked by Sena-

tor Reed. The Missouri senator said

thought it should not be hastily con-

sidered. When Senator Overman stat-

its provisions would be needed dur-

ing the Liberty loan campaign, Sen-

Senator Lodge introduced an amend-

the citizenship and property of per-

During the discussion the attitude

of Victor L. Berger, socialist candi-

date for the senate in the recent Wis-

consin election, was denounced by

Senator Lodge, while urging the death penalty for spies and German

agents who destroy property in this

country, said the bills restrictions

upon free speech were too broad and

could be used to suppress legitimate

discussion. Senator Hardwick sug-

gested that they might prevent peace

alk later when such discussion might

alizing declarations in favor of Ger-

many's "allies," Senator Lodge point-

at war with Turkey or Bulgaria, at-

ed out that the United States is not

Senator Borah called the Senate's

Senator Fall said that if Con-

does not enact the necessary

"the people will take the law

attention to the lynching at Collins-

into their own hands with Judge

Lynch." Also, he said, mobs will act

if guilty persons escape on technical-

Senator Lodge objected to the wide

powers now being exercised by the postmaster general as to the use of

the mails and said he preferred to in-

TABOOED BY OHIO OFFICIALS

Columbus, Ohio, April 5 .- State offi-

clais here have declined to use made-in-Germany pencils. The matter first

State W. D. Fulton and C. O. Myers,

head of the beller inspection depart-ment, forwarded back to the secretary

of state's office a sample of pencils,

turned. This department is too pa-

triotic to use these pencils. If hell

"These articles are respectfully re-

CMADE-IN-GERMANY" PENCILS

ty of the law.

sons adjudged disloyal by a jury.

and verging on treason.

sense.

the law in their own hands.

ties of American citizens .

Five Men Killed When Small Boat Blows Up Just After Arriving at Elizabeth City

Elizabeth City, April 5 .- Five men were killed and wreckage and cargo hurled over adjacent buildings when the steamer Annie blew up at her dock here today just after arriving from Norfolk. The vessel was loaded with flour and sugar and the cause of the explosion remained a mystery tonight.

The men killed were First Mate Manus Kinsey, of Norfolk; Assistant Engineer James Nowdy, of Edenton; and two negro deck hands. Two other negro deck hands were seriously injured, one of them lying shortly after the explosion. The Annie, a small coastwise steamer owned by the People's Navi-

gation Company, was virtually

since the beginning of the Teu- Formal Investigation to be Undertaken by State Government at Inquest Monday

ACCUSED OF DISLOYALTY

Mayor of Collinsville Wires Senator Overman Urging Immediate Passage of Law to Repress

Collinsville, Ill., April 5 .- Formal investigation of the death of Robert P. map, to be only minor successes when Prager, who was hanged last night by compared with the sacrifice of lives a mob which accused him of disloyalty will not be made until Monday when Just to the southwest of Albert the Roy A. Lowe, coroner of Madison counment for a vote tomorrow, sought to-

ty, will hold an inquest over the body. No arrests have been made by county officials and none is anticipated until he was in sympathy with the general

after the inquest Monday. Chief of Police Staten of Collinsville, declared today that the identity of a hat successes both north and south of number of members of the mob was ed passage of the bill today because the Somme have been won and that the known to the authorities but that the number of prisoners taken since the local police would not attempt to make beginning of the drive has increased arrests because the crime was commit- ator Reed said that was "utter non-

ted outside the city. It seems probable that the Entente general and the adjutant general will ment prohibiting transmission through illies have abandoned their Fabian tac- be presnt at the inquest, prepared to the mails of any matter printed in ics and now are prepared to give bat- carry forward any measures deemed the German language and Senator le to the Germans. They have fixed necessary to apprehend those who par- Lewis offered one which would forfeit Urge Passage of Law.

Mayor Siegel in a statement tonight asserted he had telegraphed today to defensive tactics. It is quite high and ate judiciary committee urging the imof a character which compels attack- mediate passage of the law imposing a severe penalty on disloyalty. It was centrations of fire from artillery and his opinion, he said, that the violence of last night was the result of neglect by the federal government to furnish

"We arrested a man charged with disloyalty last Sunday," he declared. "but because of insufficient evidence under the present law we were unable to hold him. The crowd last night evidently believed that another disloyalist was about to escape and took matters into their own hands. This deplorable act merely emphasizes the necessity for

a drastic law to apply in such cases.

Prager Did Nothing But Talk. So far as could be learned tonight the action of the mob was precipitous and no person as yet has stated concrete instances of disloyalty by Prager. It is known he registered as an enemy Ill make their first appearance is not alien in St. Louis, June 27, giving his an American army of some proportions permit to enter all barred zones to seek It was also discovered that he registered for the army draft June 5 last, and that in April, 1917, he caused the lave struck back at the Germans and his views on socialism, but that when

distance northwest of Montdidier, an- The mob idea had its inception, it ing it to a cabinet member." ween Montdidier and Noyon, near the outskirts of the city where miners from village of Orvillers-Sorel. It is in this Maryville and Collinsville gathered. atter region that the great allied Many of the men were foreigners who inter-attack has been expected to be understood little English and it is beaunched. So far as reported, no infan- Heved the remarks of Prager were

> AMERICA NAIRPLANE PILOT HAS WON FIVE VICTORIES accompanied by a note which said:

Washington, April 5 .-- An official dispatch from France today says that one has again been subjected to hombardment by the Germans. In no sector,
however, has there been infantry fight(Continued on Part (In the Battle patch from France today says that one
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were turned upside down it probably
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TODAY

ers Gains Are Scored "After a Hard Struggle" Other Business Laid Aside to De-

Important Commercial and Indus- Not Regarded as Being Connected tria l Center in Southern Russia Captured

Berlin, via London, April 5 .- Ninety prisoners and more than 1,300 guns have been captured by the

Germans gained successes south of the reserves were repulsed in storming only sufficient to prevent further dis attacks.

In southern Russia the Germans have Washington, Apr.5 .- All other busi- captured the town of Ekaterinoslav, an American government attaches no poness was laid aside by the seante to- important commercial and industrial litical significance to this incident. In day for denunciation of disloyalty, se- center on the Dnieper river, 250 miles other words, it is not regarded as benortheast of Odessa.

> taken, between the Somme and the Mailly on the west bank of the Avre

The enemy showed desperate relosses are consequently unusually se-

last night. Members or the cabinet "According to a completed calculamediate legislation that would enable guns 729. With these captures the arisen at Vladivostok and the state derisen o more than 90,000 prisoners and

> more than 1.300 guns. wa-Constantinograd railway 28 railway cars loaded with French rifles and artillery shells.

"In the Dnieper velley our advancing troops have taken Ekaterinoslav after an engagement."

ed that the attorney general had urg- DANIELS ADDRESSES

Discusses War, Methodism and Temperance at Big Patriotic Meeting at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., April. 5 .- Secretary a great patriotic meeting of Methodist prohibition amendment discussed the Senators Borah and Lodge as disloyal war, Methodism and temperance.

"I was born in the Methodist church

said the secretary. God bless . the adds, have accepted the promise of Methodist church. I say here, not to the Bolsheviki to protect life and the discredit of any other church, the property especially the immense suprighteousness in the world. There is rights and their property is being When we forget the spiritual and other cities in order to obtain bread. come dow nto materialism then we have militarism and in the American world the word 'verboten' does not live. Junkerism is anti-Christ even though the emperor says 'Me God.' We are in this war until our Bolshiviki troops at Baku while on boys come back and come back vic-

ORIGIN OF BIG BLAZE AT KANSAS CITY UNDETERMINED

Officials Inclined Toward the Incendiary Theory. Kansas City, Mo., April 5 .- Officials investigating the fire which last night and manufacturing district, causing a ed officers has been established at the property loss estimated at \$2,500,000. United States marine training camp lowere still unable tonight to fix the ori- cated here, thus doing away with the

toward the incendiary theory than they geants and corporals. came to the attention of Secretary of were earlier in the day as a result, it early stages and who declared the Abwere turned upside down it probably burst ino flames almost simultaneously.

The state industrial department has Durham, April 5.—Baseball; Guilford approved Myer's action and his note.

Between the Somme and Luce Riv- Action Follows the Killing by Russians of One Japanese and Wounding of Two

TOWN OF HAMEL IS TAKEN FORCE LANDED

in Any Way With Intervention in Siberia

Japanese naval forces at Vladivostok to protect life and property was reported to the state department today by the American consul there.

The action followed an attack on a Japanese office by five armed Russians who, being refused money, killed one Japanese and wounded two others. The force landed was said to be small and orders.

ing connected in any way with the intervention in Siberia. The landing party was from a Japanese cruiser sta-

Villers-Bretonneux and the Castle and sia of Baron Uchida, the Japanese minister to Petrograd, the Japanese prime "We attacked yesterday south of the minister has indicated clearly that Ja-Somme on both sides of Morsuil and pan does not intend at present at least threw the enemy out from his strong to enter Siberia in a military way wihout reference to the wishes of the storming attack broke under our fire, treme emergency should arise. It has been assumed here that such an emersistance on the whole of the front. His gency would be organization of the German military prisoners in Siberia We took several thousand pris- into an armed force designed to seize control of the country, or the taking possession by factions hostile to the tion, the number of prisoners brought entente allies of the great quanity of in by the army of General Von Hutier | military stores accumulated at Vladi-

Neither of these contingencies has whole booty up to the present has partment's information indicates that the trouble at that port is purely local and such as might be expected to oc-Eastern theatre: In the Ukraine we cur at any point where disorderly eletook from enemy bands on the Polta- ments were gathered without any

ammunition and more than a million lnates at the port, it never has been able to assert its authority and preserve order. Consequently the attack upon the Japanese is regardd as indiwarrant but demand the active inter-MARYLAND METHODISTS vention of any foreign naval force which might be present.

VLADIVOSTOK SITUATION IS GRADUALLY BECOMING WORSE

he Associated Press).-At the Japanese foreign office today it was said of the Navy Daniels in an address at that no confirmation had been received of the statement published by the ivostok, while not immediately critibration of the ratification by the cal was becoming worse. Telegrapho Maryland legislature of the national communication with the Russian seaport has been virtually suspended.

The Nichi Nichi claims that the Bolsheviki authorities have occupied the are said to be gradually losing their confiscated. Masters are said to be becoming servants and the servants M. Schtchekine, former councillor of the Russian embassy at Tokio who was appointed minister at Teheran. Persia, by M. Kerensky, when premier, was thrown from the train by his way to his new post. The minister lost all his effects.

TRAINING "NON-COMS"

Marine School Established for Promising Young Men. Paris Island, S. C., April 5 .- A school for the exclusive purpose of thoroughly training all enlisted men who appear been met with heroic effort to respond. attention during the past six months to have the making of non-commissionold style method of indiscriminaely ap- expended here by the government, | and to keep the city's interests in the Officials were more strongly inclined pointing men from the range as ser- there will be a smile from one end The school is under the direct super-

persons who witnessed the fire in its course covers a period of eight weeks. babilities of the port's getting recog-The future "non-coms" are put nition, and now that this has come, ernathy Furniture Company's building through a training consisting of all of and along with it a great undertakwhere the fire originated apparently the latest and most modern bayonet ing, the prospects of large employ- There will be a very general feeling was ablaze on all sides within a few drills, trench work, the handling of ment for laborers, and best of all, the minutes. It also was pointed out that companies and other features said to be possibility of a train of developments embryo officers at the commissioned the whole community will acquire citizens who have been "perniciously officers' training school. other structures some distance away almost as rigorous as that given to the which the shippare makes possible,

The school has been a marked success in developing officers in the ranks,
declare marine corps officials.

The concrete ship industry is so men who direct the destinies of the
new that there is little local data to shipping board.

Seven Concrete Ships Will Be Built At Total Cost Of About Six Million Dollars

Three of the Vessels Will be of 3,500 Tons and Four of 7,500 Tons Each and Will be Used as Oil Carriers-Plans for the Yard Are Now Being Prepared and as Soon as Completed Construction Will Commence.

PLANT WILL COST \$1,000,000

There Will be a Payroll During Construction of the Ships of Something Like \$3,000,000—Shipping Board Assured That No Exorbitant Prices Will be Charged for the Site. Godwin Announces Hurley's Decision.

Washington, April 5.—Growing need for oil carriers caused the hipping board to decide today to begin as soon as possible the construction of a fleet of steel barges, ocean-going tugs and concrete tank steamers to replace the large number of tankers taken from the Mexican coastwise service for trans-Atlantic trade. It is estimated that 75 additional steamers are required.

Seven of the concrete ships will be built at Wilmington, N. C., Chairman Hurley announced today, the board having selected Wilmington as the site of a new yard in the south. Three of these ships will be of 3,500 tons and four of 7,500 tons.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation will build the new yard, which has three ways. The Shipping Board is so well pleased with a concrete ship just built for it on the Pacific coast that it intends to enlarge considerably the concrete ship building program. Concrete ships can be built in less time than can wood or steel vessels.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—Representative Godwin held a conference this morning with the U.S. shipping board and immediately gave out the follow-

"The government will build a shipyard at Wilmington. Plans are now peing prepared for that purpose and as soon as completed the construction of the yard will begin. The construction work will cost about \$1,000,000. The shipping board expressed the hope that Wilmington would be reasonable in the purchase of a site and they were assured no exhorbitant prices would be

The government will construct seven concrete ships, the first three of 3,500 tons each and the other four 7,500 tons each. The cost to construct all these will be about \$6,000,000. There will be a payroll during the construction of these seven ships of something like \$3,000,000. The shippard will be permanent and owned by the government.

WILMINGTONIANS WILL BE HIGHLY PLEASED BY NEWS

to be about the most welcome news Wilmingtonians have ever received. The news will have the immediate effect of banishing doubt and pessimism and of putting new life into the business of the port. Citizens who

recognition from the government. Citizens have worked hard and undate back a long time. There have houses of people who have gone to been days when prospects were bright and refused to give up, declaring that true and their predictions verified.

because of war conditions, the outbreak of hostilities, followed by the submarine campaign, pratically detroubles have ployed havoc with other large industries here. Many people have left the city during the war and gone to those towns where war industries are located and where attractive wages are paid for labor. Meanwhile Wilmington has existed on her nerve and bravely insisted on business as usual. Every big call sult of the energy of the citizens, has from the government for support has to keep the wheels moving.

A Large Sized Smile. With the prospect of millions being ed men, served to attract attention of town to the other. From the hum- the city throughout the state, includblest citizen to the richest there has ing the traveling men's organizations was said, of statements obtained from vision of a sergeant major and the been the greatest interest in the pro-

The foregoing dispatches will prove be had on what the building of seven large ships means. One of the concently said that about 500 men would be required to build one of the medium sized vessels. That being true, it would appear that hundreds of workmen will be needed. There was little to be learned yes-

terday as to sites. The comments one

heard on the streets indicated that all the possible sites along the river and there is no doubt that a satisfacthat housing conditions went far toward influencing the shipping board. ments that may come as a result of the shipbuilding program include altention. River improvement is a subject dear to the heart of the city and

if the shipyard also means a deepen-

ing of the channel, it will prove a

double blessing. The value of having been selected by the shipping board is regarded as

inestimable. been given rather more publicity and placing of an industrial agent in Washington by a few public-spiritlimelight. A great many friends of and the chambers of commerce in state towns; the state's delegation in Washington, and others have done much for the city during this time. of gratitude to all who had a hand in getting government attention focus-