

SELL FOUR ENEMY OWNED CONCERNS

Government Seizes More Alien Property.

One is the A. W. Faber Pencil Manufacturing Corporation—The Four Concerns Capitalized at Over \$2,000,000.00

New York, Aug. 9.—Seizure of more enemy owned corporations with a total capitalization in excess of \$2,000,000, was announced here today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, after a conference with the Washington advisory committee of the selling branch of his department.

The corporations which will be sold under the supervision of Jos. F. Guffey, sales manager, at public auction with the approval of the advisory committee are:

The Berger & Wirth company, of Brooklyn, manufacturers of printers' and lithographers' inks; organized about 1905, and owned by Emil Wozlitz, of Leipzig, Germany.

The G. Zeigle company, of Rosebank, L. L. manufacturers and importers of colors and chemicals, organized here in April, 1904, with a capital stock of \$500,000, all owned by the Zeigle company of Stuttgart, Germany.

A. W. Faber, of Newark, N. J., manufacturers of lead pencils and stationery supplies, trade name of a business which has been in existence since 1761, with its principal offices at Stein, Bavaria, owned by Alexander, Count of Faber-Castell, and his wife, Otilie, Countess of Faber-Castell, residents of Stein, Bavaria.

George Genda, of Boonton, N. J., manufacturer of bronze powders, a branch of the concern of the same name in Fuertha, Bavaria; established in 1824; business here conducted by Adolph Nuebauer on behalf of himself and partner, Eugene Kirschbaum, now in Germany.

RAT IS ENEMY OF ALLIES.

The Rodents Are Present in Trenches by Tens of Thousands.

Behind British Lines in France, July 5.—An enemy whose activities do not figure in the official reports but against which allied soldiers wage daily warfare is the rat. Tens of thousands of rats, huge sharp-fanged fighters, have dug themselves in among the billets and trenches in France and Flanders, and they are a constant torment. Thanks to modern medical science, there has been little or no disease communicated by the rodents.

Rats multiply rapidly in the trenches and thrive well on the scraps of the soldier's rations, disturb his rest and spitefully bite him when he offers resistance. The pest is hunted with ferrets, terriers, poison and traps, and when particularly numerous given a gas attack. After the trenches are drenched with gas, they are generally clear of rats for a long period.

FRANCE PROTESTS AGAINST ACTION OF THE VATICAN

Peking, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French government has lodged an objection to the appointment of a Chinese minister to the Vatican and the reception of a papal nuncio at Peking as being in contravention of the Tien-Tsin treaty of 1858, which recognizes a French protectorate over the Catholics in China.

A dispatch from Rome July 10 said that as the Chinese republic had expressed a desire to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican, the pope had approved the appointment of Tai Tcheng Lin as minister to the Holy See.

ARTILLERY DUEL INCREASED IN ITALY, VIENNA REPORTS

Vienna, Aug. 9.—(Via London.)—The seven communes the artillery duel has increased to great strength," says the official communication, issued from Austrian headquarters today.

"In Albania the fighting has died down."

Recruiting in Ireland.

Dublin, June 23.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Lieutenant Percy, director of naval recruiting in Ireland, declares that recruiting for the British navy was never more brisk in Ireland than at present. There are Irishmen in every department from admirals down, and the recruits in the towns and villages throughout Ireland are always warmly welcomed.

Dublin has just given a cordial send off to a number of recruits who will be held under government supervision here Wednesday to discuss obtaining Mexican labor for those industries. All plants in this section have been invited to attend.

Will Discuss Mexican Labor.

New Orleans, Aug. 9.—Announcement was made here tonight that a meeting of cotton and rice planters would be held under government supervision here Wednesday to discuss obtaining Mexican labor for those industries. All plants in this section have been invited to attend.

Girlish, Wrinkle-Free Skin Easy to Have

Since its remarkable astringent and tonic properties became known, clever women all over the world have been using the astringent face base to "tone up" their faces, remove wrinkles, draw flabby cheeks and neck back to normal. After using the solution, the face immediately feels much firmer. The skin tightens evenly all over the face, thus reducing lines and sagging. The formula is: Powdered sassafras, one ounce, dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint.

FINAL BATTLE MAY NOT BE FAR AWAY

This Is the View of Some American Army Officers.

German Command Seems Face to Face With a Vital Decision, Either to Attempt a Stand or Fall Back to Old Line.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The startling rapidity of the British-French advance in Picardy coupled with new successes in Flanders and on the Vesle, produced an impression among some officers here tonight that one of the decisive moments of the war, perhaps the beginning of the final battle, was rapidly approaching.

On the basis of such reports as were available, the German high command seemed to stand face to face with a vital decision. Either his reserves must be rushed in and a pitched battle risked, or virtually all he has gained at staggering cost in his greatest offensive of the war must be abandoned and a general withdrawal toward his old lines of last March begun without delay.

While no American troops are known to be involved in the Picardy thrust the capture of Fismette, the suburb across the river from Fismes on the Vesle, apparently is part of the general scheme of attack. Coupled with the developments in Picardy and Flanders, it indicates to some officers that Marshal Foch is definitely challenging the enemy to fight it out now or to withdraw.

The French and British have advanced with such rapidity in Picardy that the German retreat must have reached the proportions of a rout in places at least. The extent of enemy losses in prisoners, guns and war material bear out this view. The whole bottom of the great Picardy salient has been flattened out in two days and the enemy position at Montdidier and north of that place to the line of the Oise appears already to have been turned. If he is forced to withdraw from this salient where one of his moves was delivered the last menace to the French capital will have been removed.

SMOKER BRINGS N. C. ROADS CONVENTION TO PLEASANT CLOSE

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ternoon session was not very large, it was one of the most interesting of the entire convention, addresses being made by Maj. George E. Butler, of Clinton, and Prof. Alex. H. White, of Pollocksville, as well as reports from the various committees. Major Butler spoke on the benefit of wide tires in the maintenance of roads. During his discussion he not only pointed out the advantages of wide tires as a maintenance measure but those to be derived by the farmer in the use of ordinary farm wagons in ploughed land. He declared heartily in favor of a law that will bring about the universal use of wide tires but did not attempt to tell the convention how this could be secured.

Finding it impossible to present discuss the proposed Atlantic coast highway from the standpoint of a military asset, C. E. Poy, of New Bern, was well represented in the person of Professor White who made an eloquent appeal for the support by the association of this project. He pointed out the many advantages to be derived from such a thoroughfare both as an asset to the government in prosecuting the war against German militarism and to the territory it is to traverse. Professor White declared that the one great need of the American people today is to win this war and make the world safe for democracy, and he emphatically stated that the Atlantic coast highway is most essential in accomplishing this purpose. Now that the increased traffic caused by the movement of soldiers and war material and supplies has caused the people to realize the great need of more roads and better roads, Professor White expects to see a great revolution in road construction work in this country during the next few years. "I expect to live to see Wilmington connected by a modern highway with Charlotte, Norfolk and all other important centers throughout this and adjoining states," he declared. "The government needs good roads if this war is to be won, and while we cannot build them we can help and it is our patriotic duty to go the limit in aiding the government in the construction of whatever highways it deems necessary for the prosecution of the war. We should first build coast highway from Maine to Florida, and this would be of greater value to the government, and then turn our attention to connecting with inland centers."

Subs Boost Waterway. The recent attacks by German submarines off the east coast of the United States has caused the government to place the people to appreciate more fully the importance of the inland waterway, and I expect to see an extension of it at an early date. It already reaches as far south as Beaufort and up New River through Jacksonville and from New River to connect with the Cape Fear near Fayetteville by a canal cut between the two streams, and down the Cape Fear to Wilmington.

H. D. Williams, chairman of the Wilmington-Goldsboro highway committee, reported on the work that has been done on this thoroughfare, stating that the Duplin link is worse than any other, but improvements are being made in the form of a 10-foot road between Warsaw and Kenansville.

Benjamin Cameron gave a brief resume of the accomplishment in highway construction during the past several years, which was very interesting and instructive to good roads folks.

New Officers Elected. The report of the committee on nominations of W. D. MacMillan, Jr. The nominations, which were unanimously accepted, were as follows:

President, W. A. McGirt, Wilmington; first vice-president, Col. Benjamin Cameron, Durham; second vice president, A. M. McDonald, Charlotte; secretary, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt; assistant secretary, Miss E. M. Berry, Chapel Hill; engineer in charge of publicity, John D. Waldrop. District vice presidents elected were as follows: J. L. Warren, Washington; W. F. Woodward, Wilson; George E. Butler, Kila; Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; W. C. Boone, Pocomo; W. D. MacMillan, Jr., Wilmington; W. S. Blakeney, Mon-

roe; W. W. Stringfellow, Blowing Rock; H. K. Davenport, Gastonia; J. D. Murphy, Asheville.

Several resolutions were introduced by H. D. Williams, of the resolutions committee, all of which were adopted by the convention and supplemented by additional ones. One of the resolutions passed by Judge Francis D. Winston, the appreciation of the association of so ably presiding over the convention in the absence of the president. Another expressed regrets that President Varner was unable to attend. A unanimous and enthusiastic vote of thanks was given Miss H. M. Berry, acting secretary, for the excellent manner in which she handled the convention.

Other resolutions unanimously adopted follow:

Resolved: That the most sincere thanks of the association be extended to the cities of Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach to the board of county commissioners of New Hanover county, Wilmington chapter of commerce and Rotary club; also the Wilmington Highway association and the various citizens that have contributed so generously to their kind efforts toward the success and pleasure of the convention;

"To the press of the city of Wilmington and the state at large for their publicity given the convention and their support of our cause."

"To the Tidewater company for the use of the convention hall and to citizens who have contributed to the success of the convention."

"Resolved: That we greatly miss the management and assistance of Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, our secretary, and that we send to him somewhere in France, our warmest regards and hopes for his health and safe return to our state now needing his efficient labors."

"Resolved further, that the acting secretary of the association transmit to Colonel Pratt a copy hereof."

After the adoption of resolutions Mr. McGirt, the newly elected president, was escorted into the building by Mr. Paison, and was introduced by Judge Winston. In a few remarks he expressed his appreciation for the high honor that had been conferred upon him.

Use Hums on Roads.

At the smoker given last night in the Oceanic hotel the North Carolina Good Roads association went on record as favoring the transporting to this county of German prisoners by Americans and of working them on the state highways, and instructed the president and secretary to draw up a suitable resolution and forward copies of it to the North Carolina senators for their consideration. The resolution will urge that some action whereby German prisoners may help build state highways in this country be taken at once and the transportation of the men to this country begin as soon as possible.

R. A. Burnette, superintendent of the New Hanover system of highways, explained how maintenance work is carried on in this county. The good roads men seemed much interested in his remarks and additional knowledge was gained by asking direct questions concerning problems confronting them.

Informal discussions were led by Major George Butler, of Clinton, and J. J. Gaillard, of Atlanta, and a most interesting address was made by Dr. Charles E. Lowe, county health officer, on sanitation in prison camps. The smoker was arranged and carried out under the direction of W. D. MacMillan, Jr., T. R. Ames and A. Fred Devere.

Shipbuilders "Made" Quickly.

Washington.—Conversion of manpower from peace to war work was given striking illustration recently at Hog Island shipyard.

Raymond Curatola, Fred Reller and Arthur Burnley entered the Hog Island riveting school to begin a 10 day course which would fit them to help build ships, but in 10 working hours they were handling the pneumatic hammer and punch with such dexterity that they were told to report for regular work.

Curatola formerly was a chauffeur. Reller had been a mechanic, Burnley was a horse shoer.

New Typhoid Vaccine.

Kinston, Aug. 9.—A new kind of anti-typhoid vaccine has been introduced by the health department here. One injection takes the place of the three required with the old kind. The army has successfully experimented with the "sling-shot" variety. It is stated, persons receiving the first treatment here say the reaction is not worse than for any one of the three doses heretofore administered. The vaccine is being administered free at a school here at Kinston. A large quantity of the serum will be used during the next few days.

Another New Bern Boy Wounded.

New Bern, Aug. 9.—Another one of New Bern's soldier boys who are fighting overseas with the American expeditionary forces has been severely wounded, this being Private Guy P. Rose, of Company K, 11th regiment, who has been in the recent fighting along the Marne. Mrs. Kate Willis, whose home is at No. 16 Eden street, yesterday afternoon received a message from the war department to the effect that her son had been badly hurt while in action, but no details of the injuries or how they were received were given.

Is Prisoner in Germany.

Kinston, Aug. 9.—Lieut. George Ratterman, of Nashville, Tenn., a brother prisoner in the hands of the Germans, according to information that has come to Mrs. Nolan. An earlier report said Ratterman had been missing some time. Lieutenant Ratterman is an aviator. He has been in Europe some months. He was engaged in bombing duty for a time, but is supposed to have been piloting a scout machine at the time he was captured.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 9.—Lieut. Col. Clarence Lee Roy Cole, medical corps, formerly in charge of the laboratory at the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston, was found dead at his headquarters in a hospital building, the result of a bullet wound in the head. Recently he had been under treatment at a hospital in Washington and had returned to San Antonio to visit his family. A military board, appointed after finding the body, has not yet made its report.



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VILLAGE OF FISMETTE TAKEN BY AMERICANS

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and other timbers so falling, however, as to make the ruins available.

In the village a rather weak resistance was encountered. The German force which had been left there had been unable to retreat to their own lines because of the heavy artillery fire and when brought into the American lines the majority were wounded.

BAKER IS HEARD ON DRAFT LEGISLATION

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Manning said. "The country demands the speeding up of the war. In South Carolina we have exhausted Class 1. I suppose other states have similar conditions. Calls for September and later months cannot be filled without changes in law. I desire my state to fulfill every call. Delay means greater and prolonged sacrifice. The sooner we throw greatly increased force into the struggle the sooner we will win. The country demand of congress provision for force without limit. Manpower is the demand now. Respectfully request prompt action."

A great many of the defending force were killed.

Another incident showing how the German soldiers were sacrificed occurred on the American front where a German lieutenant led a party of less than 30 men in a thrust against what probably appeared to be a weak point of the line. A machine gun section caught the party under its fire and annihilated it.

The only general action today was when the French and Americans laid down a box barrage and carried out a reconnaissance on a certain section of the front. There was some belief that the Germans had withdrawn from a large part of this position and it was desired to learn if the enemy was still there. He was.

WRECK DELAYED ALL TRAINS.

Freight Smash Thursday Night Was At Rosindale on Seaboard.

The freight wreck on the Seaboard Thursday night, reported as having occurred at Spout Springs, was at Rosindale, and it delayed traffic yesterday, the work of removing the debris being rather tedious. Trains moved through, however, running late. Little could be learned of the smash, except that nobody was hurt, it was stated, though the track appears to have been pretty badly disarranged.

Greb Outfought Turner.

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 9.—Harry Greb, of Pittsburg, outfought Clay Turner, the Indian boxer, of St. Paul, in an eight-round bout here tonight. Greb weighed 165 and Turner 163.

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