



WANT ONE BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD MERCHANT MARINE

Congress Will be Asked for this Amount to Construct Great Fleet of Vessels

CONTEMPLATE GREAT BUILDING PROGRAM

Shipping Board Estimates That Five or Six Million Tons of Steel and Wooden Vessels Will be Constructed by Government in Next Two Years.

Washington, May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate one billion dollars for the building of the great American merchant marine which is to overcome the submarine menace.

GERMAN CAMP TO BE AT LAKE KANUGA

Asheville, May 8.—Word was received here today from Washington that E. B. Graham has closed a contract with the government for the location of a camp for interned German sailors at Lake Kanuga, near Hendersonville.

CITY'S HEALTH WORK SHOWING RESULTS

The Board of Health held a meeting at the office of the Health Department last night and the following members were present: Dr. M. R. Braswell, W. D. Joyner, W. E. Parrish, L. E. Tibbels, and City Health Officer Dr. J. C. Braswell.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 8.—Cotton futures opened steady; May, 19.50; July, 19.45; October, 18.65; December, 18.65; January, 18.71.

STOCK MARKET

New York, May 8.—Opening cautious, but mainly at a high level today's market soon gathered momentum under lead of the United States Steel, Advance Equipments and Rails.

AMERICAN VESSELS UNDER SUSPICION

Government Investigating Activities of Boats of Trans-Atlantic Co.

SHIPS ARE BEING HELD

Mantiwoe and Other Vessels of This Company Are Said to Have Carried Supplies to German Submarines in Atlantic. Nothing Definite Known.

Washington, May 8.—The government is making a rigid investigation of the activities of the steamer Mantiwoe and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Co., which are said to have carried supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic.

BICKETT PARDONS PASQUOTANK NEGRO

Raleigh, May 8.—In stating his reason for granting a full pardon to Thad Brown, Pasquotank county negro, who was convicted in December, 1916, of manslaughter and sentenced to serve five years, Governor Bickett referred to a statement of prominent white citizens who declared that Brown was the best negro farmer in Pasquotank and would be of better service on his farm than on the county roads.

MASONS MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE

First of Three Important Meetings for This Week Begins Today. Delegates From All Parts of State in Attendance.

Fayetteville, May 8.—Members of the Masonic order from all parts of the State were arriving here today for the first of a series of three important meetings to be held this week.

TWO MORE MEN FOR TRAINING CAMP

Two more young men from Rocky Mount have passed the preparatory examination for training at Fort Oglethorpe for the officer's training camp. They are Winston Gravelley and Tom Sater.

OFFICE WORKERS, PREPARING FOR WAR, SHOW SKILL AND DARING



Men of Second field artillery, N. Y. N. G., holding regular training exercises in Brooklyn. The Second field artillery, New York national guard, is one of the best trained military organizations in the country and its members are famous for their horsemanship.

FOOD COMMITTEES NAMED FOR NASH

Chairman Named for Every Township to Co-operate With Farmers in Campaign to Raise More Foodstuffs.

At a joint meeting of the Nash County Food Commission, appointed yesterday by the County Board of Supervisors of Nash County, and the Committee on Food Production from the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, definite plans were worked out for holding meetings of the farmers in every township in Nash county to discuss the food shortage and urge the necessity of increased food production.

NO AGREEMENT YET ON ARMY BILL

Conferees Fail to Reconcile Differences Between Senate and House Measures and No Prospects For One Soon.

LIBERTY LOAN OVER SUBSCRIBED

Washington, May 8.—Telegrams and estimates of subscriptions to the two billion dollar Liberty loan for the Allies came to the Treasury on Monday today that gave the anticipated force of clerks could barely tabulate them.

GERMANS CAPTURE CITY OF FRESNAY

Berlin, May 8.—German troops have recaptured Fresnoy says the official state news bureau today by the German army headquarters staff.

SHOPMEN WANT HIGHER WAGES

Railroad Officials Considering Questions of Wage Increases and Readjustment of Hours Affecting 25,000 Shopmen.

Washington, May 8.—Railroad officials representing mechanical departments of all lines southeast of Washington are in session here considering questions of increased wages and readjustment of hours affecting 25,000 shop men.

THREE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

New Bern, May 8.—Harry Faulkner is lying in an unconscious condition in a local hospital as the result of an automobile accident Sunday afternoon, and Messrs. James Bryan and Harry Roberts are also being treated for injuries sustained in the accident.

NEGRO DIES AT AGE OF 123 YEARS

Hemphill, May 8.—Anthony Seawood, a negro, said to be 123 years old and believed to have been the oldest person in North Carolina, died at his home in Warren county, fifteen miles north of here at his home last night.

WHEN T. R. READS THIS, HE'LL RAGE!

London, April 29.—(By Mail).—One Teddy Bear, killed by shrapnel, was the total casualty in a recent German destroyer attack on Ramsgate. A little boy rolled out of bed in panic at the first crash of the guns, abandoning the Teddy Bear which was beheaded a moment later by a shell through the roof.

FRANCE RECEIVES BIG LOAN TODAY

French Ambassador Given Treasury Certificate of \$100,000,000 Which Constitutes Amount United States Decided to Lend France.

WONDER IF IT BURNED ISABEL?

London, April 22.—(By Mail).—Isabel God, a munitions girl, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for smoking a pipe in a munitions factory. Isabel ditched the boiler in her stocking when the inspector came to her bench, but a woman detective recovered the evidence.

ASK \$8,100 FOR GUILFORD PARK

Washington, May 8.—An appropriation of \$8,100 to begin the establishment of a national military park at the battlefield of Guilford county court house was recommended today to Congress by the War Department.

CANNING CLUB EXPERT FOR NASH

Nash county is to "do her bit" in feeding the world by increased production of food stuffs and by canning the surplus of perishable products.

WOMEN URGED TO USE ALL LEFT OVER FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FOR CANNING PURPOSES, ALSO RAISE CHICKENS.

Probably there never was a time in the history of the county when there was as near something for everybody to do as there is just now. While there is all kinds of talk as to what ought to be, there will not much be done unless some one begins to act.

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BRITISH STEADILY CLOSING IN ON THE HINDENBURG LINE

Rolling Up of This Important Section German Defence Matter of Days

GERMANS OFFERING A BITTER RESISTANCE

The great human ripples which General Haig has figured around the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German defensive appears to be a matter of a few days.

NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER OF GIRL

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LOWEST CROP EVER RECORDED

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