

WAR WITH ITALY

Lieutenant General Cadorna and Staff Have Located Near Austrian Frontier

FOOD SUPPLIES CUT OFF

Constantinople Is Being Distressed On Account of Shortage of Coal Which Has Stopped Foreigners in Switzerland, Which Will Mobilize

Paris, May 19.—Lieutenant General Count Cadorna, Italian Chief of Staff, has arrived with his staff at Vicenza, near the Austrian frontier.

Freight Traffic Stopped. Geneva, Switzerland, May 19 (via Paris).—Several servants having in charge heavy baggage bearing the monogram of Prince Von Buelow, German Ambassador at Rome, arrived at Chiasso, Switzerland, yesterday.

A telegram from Innsbruck says a strong new Russian army coming from Bessarabia is throwing back the Austro-Hungarian forces in Bukovina and is marching toward Central Galicia to join the principal Russian army in Galicia.

A telegram from Saloniki says the Germans have lost 43 officers and 600 sailors in fighting at the Dardanelles during the last six days.

Foreigners in Switzerland Protected. There are nearly 1,000,000 Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Russians, Italians and Serbians now in Switzerland who will receive protection from the Swiss Federal government in the event of Italy's entrance into the war.

Switzerland Will Mobilize. There is no thought, however, of a general Swiss mobilization. The most important questions concern the food supply for more than 1,000,000 persons who soon may be surrounded by a wall of bayonets.

War Only a Question of Hours. The Hague, The Netherlands, May 19 (via London).—Interested members of the diplomatic corps at The Hague claim to be convinced that war between Italy and Austria-Hungary is only a question of hours.

Germany, some diplomats say, is not likely to be very active against Italy, and would rather utilize the services of many of her officers now employed in Germany on the Italian front, where they are greatly needed.

It is also argued by foreign diplomats that Italy's entry into the war would not immediately involve Rumania.

Poet Says King Emmanuel the Man. Rome, (via Paris), May 19.—Giuseppe D'Annunzio, the poet, a noted figure among the nationalists, recently delivered an address to a private audience by King Victor Emmanuel. When he returned from the palace he said:

Certainly King Victor Emmanuel is the right man for the right place, the King whom Italy needs in this supreme moment.

Describing the interview D'Annunzio said he was struck by the wonderful power of the sovereign and his knowledge of the complex and vast problems now agitating Europe.

STATE LEADER IN NATION BUILDING

Secretary Grimes in Address at The Southern Presbyterian College

HELPING SOUTH INTO OWN

Place of The Scotch People in Progress of North Carolina a Large One; Twelve Young Ladies Receive Diplomas; Institution Looks Forward With Expected Confidence

Red Springs, May 19.—After hearing on yesterday the magnificent address of President C. G. Vardell on the Scotch and the world idea, some of the folks said "what can little people like us do to advance and make possible this great ideal of world oneness."

As in answer to that question, Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State today in the literary address of Southern Presbyterian College commencement, told us how good a people we are, reviewed for our refreshment the prestige which North Carolina is now giving to the present world administration and emphasized the lead the Old North State has taken in bringing the South into its own again.

The address was most practical, enthusiastic and filled with the patriotic pride necessary to inspire a people to great achievement. Col. Grimes held the attention and interest of his vast audience as in eloquent terms he singled out some of the conspicuous stars in the galaxy which form one coronet. Beginning with Gabriel Johnson, the Scotch governor under whose administration real development began, the speaker in pride continued his careful selection on down to Daniels, Page, Simmons, Kitchin and all the rest and our hearts swelled with gladness as each loved and honored name recalled their service of love and devotion to our state.

Material development and progress were made widely interesting by the same masterly skill and every girl of the college was given a high and noble conception of world citizenship and the culture and uplift of her home and community.

The exercises began with the march of faculty and student body into the auditorium, the hymn, "Blessed Be the Power of the Holy Spirit," being used as a prelude.

Contributions to state. Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D., led in prayer and Misses Alison Fearall, Gwathmey Wilson and Lucy Gwathmey, trio intitled "Woodland Sprites." Dr. Vardell in introducing Col. Grimes said that while ours is not a State school, strictly speaking, yet in many ways it might as well be a contributor to the progress of North Carolina, as our graduates are in constant demand as teachers and Dr. Joyner very highly commends the quality of the S. P. C. girl as a teacher.

Dr. Joyner said that he had not known before of our size, and while he had read what the papers had to say of the Southern Presbyterian College, it was a revelation to him and his Light, Imperishable Light, one of the marked marvels of the educational development of the State.

Diplomas were presented to twelve fine young women, the class of 1916, by their beloved college President, C. G. Vardell, who is composed of the following young ladies:

President, Willie Alexander Lawson, A. B. Arkansas; Vice-Pres. Bess Cameron Finley, A. B., North Wilkesboro; Treasurer, Ethel Taylor, B. L. Greensboro; Secretary, Winnie Anne Cox, B. L., Red Springs; Emily Gwathmey Wilson, B. L., St. Charles, S. C.; Margaret Comer Dixon, B. M., Red Springs; Eunice McCall Taylor, B. L., Goldsboro; Ethel Saleem, B. L., Red Springs; Beattie McLeod, B. L., Red Springs; Lydia Wilson, B. L., Greensboro; Elizabeth Vardell, B. L., Red Springs; Leta Varina Smith, B. L., White Oak.

Miss Ethel Connel, editor in chief of the Pine and Thistle, presented a beautiful silver loving cup to the Zetesian Literary Society as the trophy for securing the larger number of subscriptions to the college magazine.

The speaker, in the meantime, cheered and enthusiasm by the president of the victorious society, Miss Augusta McKeithan.

This closed the commencement exercises and the 19th year of the college. The hearts of all its friends are very glad and thankful for the good year and for the brilliant hopes and assurances of yet greater and bigger things to be ours as "the leading educational institution of the American continent," to quote the Secretary of State.

TO RECONSTRUCT ON BROAD SCALE

Premier Asquith Says England Will Prosecute War With All Energy

NON-PARTISAN CABINET

The Question of How To Finish War Most Successfully Is The One Consideration To Be Given in Reconstructing The English Government on Broader Scale

London, May 19.—The formation of a non-partisan cabinet for the period of the war is an established fact. The spokesmen for the two great rival parties, Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, made statements to the House of Commons today confirming reports of a coalition ministry which several newspapers launched yesterday.

Reconstruction of Cabinet Not Political. The Prime Minister said that nothing has been arranged definitely but three things were certain—that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary would continue in office; that no change was contemplated in the policy of the country of prosecuting the war with all energy and that the reconstruction of the cabinet would not mean any surrender by persons or parties of their political purposes.

Andrew Bonar Law, endorsing this statement, said: "Our sole consideration is what will be best for finishing the war successfully."

Not for many years has a political transformation so overwhelmed the country with surprise. Only a week ago Premier Asquith said in the House of Commons that there was no thought of a reconstruction of the ministry.

War Has Brought Change of Heart. The rapid pressure of events abroad and at home has driven the government to a change of heart and brought about the "elder statesmen" to deal with a situation charged with critical elements. Events abroad have been the severe reverses of the Russian armies, which may be followed by more powerful German opposition to the allied lines in France and Belgium, and the slow progress of the operations against the Turks, whose campaign is being conducted largely by German officers.

The events at home have been friction between Winston Spencer Churchill and Lord Fisher in the admiralty, which one writer describes as the nerve-center of the cabinet, and the workingmen for their alleged failure to supply the army with sufficient ammunition.

Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons that that step was being contemplated which involved a reconstruction of the government upon a broader personal and political basis.

Nothing has been definitely arranged as yet," the Premier said, "but in order to avoid any possible misapprehension I wish to make clear here and now three things: "First, an election will not affect the position of the Prime Minister or of the foreign secretary.

"Second, there will be no change of any kind in the policy of the country as regards the conduct of the war, and by means of every available resource.

"Third, and of great importance to the honorable friends behind me, and I have no doubt the opposition, any reconstruction of the cabinet that may be made will be for the purpose of the war alone and is not to be taken in any quarter or for any reason as indicating anything in the nature of a surrender or compromise on the part of any person or body of persons, of their several political ideals.

"This is as far as I can go. Nothing definite yet has taken place, but if any arrangement is made the House will have the fullest opportunity of expressing its views."

The Premier's references to the prosecution of the war were greeted with prolonged applause. Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition said: "Best Method of Finishing War. "I think it only necessary to say on behalf of my friends, and I trust that at the time they have reached, our only consideration in regard to the further steps to be taken, is the sole idea of what is the best method of finishing the war successfully; and to leave out of our minds absolutely all considerations, political and otherwise, beyond that.

GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F. OFFICERS



THOMAS L. GREEN Grand Master, GUY WEAVER Deputy Grand Master

ODD FELLOWS MEET NEXT AT WILSON

T. L. Green, of Waynesville, Elected Grand Master North Carolina Grand Lodge

PLEASURE RIDE FOR GUESTS

Grand Secretary Woodell and Grand Treasurer Jones Re-elected; C. O. McMichael, Grand Warden; C. B. Edwards Continued as Trustee of Orphans' Home

Hendersonville, May 19.—The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in attendance upon the annual session of the Grand Lodge and Rebekahs Assembly, which convened here last night, had a busy day, crowded with a pleasure trip and business matters, including the selection of Wilson as the meeting place in 1916, and electing officers as follows:

Grand Master, Thomas L. Green, of Waynesville. Deputy Grand Master, Guy Weaver, Asheville. Grand Warden, C. O. McMichael, Wentworth. Grand Secretary, B. H. Woodell, Raleigh. Grand Treasurer, Richard J. Jones, Wilmington. Grand representative for two years, W. F. Evans, Greenville. Trustee for Orphan's Home at Goldsboro, C. B. Edwards, Raleigh, re-elected for five years.

Jones Election Impressive. The name of Richard J. Jones, of Wilmington, aged ninety-three years, who was absent, but who has been holding the office of Grand Treasurer for sixty years, was the only one before the meeting for this office, and he was re-elected by a rising vote, after which Grand Chaplain, Rev. Z. Parle, of Lincoln, offered prayer, invoking blessings of continued health and strength upon Mr. Jones, following which one stanza of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," was sung most impressively.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were given a pleasure ride to Laurel Park this afternoon. The fight for the 1916 session of the Grand Lodge was waged principally by representatives from Wilson, Salisbury, and Wilmington, with Wilson winning after a hard struggle.

Mr. Attendance of Rebekahs. The Rebekahs Assembly, which was marked by a splendid attendance, had interesting meetings today, but no action of a public nature was taken on the questions discussed.

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected tomorrow. The leading feature of the session was the degree work conferred tonight on a large class of candidates by the Swannanoa Rebekahs Lodge of Asheville, the full team from that place being present.

102 Pints of Whiskey Seized

Three Barrels in Greensboro Depot Were Marked "Michigan Seed Potatoes"

Greensboro, May 19.—Police and railway employees today found 102 pints of outlawed whiskey in freight depot here in barrels, marked "Michigan Seed Potatoes," shipped from Richmond to parties in Greensboro.

Y. Hyi Bountia, an Abyssinian, one of the consignees has been arrested for retailing. The trick was discovered by a railroad employee seeing something shifty; through a crack in a barrel. Other barrels from the same place were opened, each of three barrels contained from 30 to 40 pints, it is said. Other "potatoes" from the same house had been delivered here before the trick was discovered. The barrels did contain some potatoes, but in the middle were the bottles.

GET POSITIONS AT FISH HATCHERIES

John Lee Aycock, W. A. Erwin, Jr., and H. P. Grier, Jr., To Be Appointed

STATISTICS FOR SHIPMAN

Government Will Furnish North Carolina Commissioner of Labor and Printing Manufacturing Information; Representative Godwin Not Alarmed

Washington, D. C., May 19.—John Lee Aycock, of Raleigh, W. A. Erwin, Jr., of Durham, and H. P. Grier, Jr., of Statesville, will be appointed assistants in the government fish hatcheries at Beaufort, and Woods Hole, Mass., according to information received here today. There are only six of these places, which pay \$100 a month each. The appointments will be made within the next month under an act of the last Congress.

W. K. Bethune, of Lumberton, the editor who acts as secretary to Representative Godwin, is not alarmed over the announcements of congressional candidates from the sixth district. "The people in the country are for Godwin because he is their friend," he said today. Mr. Bethune is here arranging hotel accommodations for his annual educational excursion. His party will be here a week.

Senator Overman has appointed Benjamin L. Shuford as postmaster at Arden. Rev. A. E. Hoar, North Carolina Bishop, secured a passport today preparatory to sailing for Australia to do missionary work.

Copies of all the information secured by the census bureau regarding manufacturing statistics in North Carolina will be furnished to M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing. This was decided today by the director of the Census Bureau, L. Rogers, following a conference some time ago between him and Mr. Shipman. Mr. Rogers delayed his decision in the matter until he was assured by the solicitor of the Department of Commerce that this action will not violate the law.

The information will consist of copies of the schedules as secured by the department's special agents. Thus Mr. Shipman will have a complete information as the census bureau itself. This will result in a considerable saving to North Carolina in gathering these figures and will insure exceptional accuracy.

Mr. Shipman took this question up with former Director Harris, but Mr. Harris left the decision to his predecessor.

Oscar L. Hemby was today appointed postmaster at Indian Trail, a four-class office in Union county. New twice a week rural routes will be established June 16th from Bear Creek, Chatham county, and Gum Neck, Tyrrell county.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clement Wright Huske, of Washington, formerly of Fayetteville, today announced the engagement of their daughter, Annie Wright Huske, to Gustavus G. Reinher, of Washington. Miss Huske has been declared by experts on feminine charms to be the most beautiful woman in Washington. She is a petite blond of unusual delicacy of coloring. The wedding will take place June 15th at Mrs. Huske's new country home, The North Carolina Society of Washington will be received there soon at an immense house warming.

Gets Harvard Scholarship. Louisburg, May 19.—Mrs. Raymond Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, of this city, who is a member of the present graduating class at the University of North Carolina, has recently received a scholarship from Harvard University, where he will go next session to specialize in English. Mr. Taylor has made a perfect record in that branch during his course at the University. In the matter of scholarship he stands second in his class.

FIGHTING HEAVY IN DARDANELLES

However, Allies Have Not Yet Captured Important German Positions

RUSSIANS HEAVY LOSERS

The Austrians and Germans Continue Massed Attacks Against Russians With Great Success; English Loss of Cargoes By Submarines Comparatively Small

London, May 19.—While Italy is confidently believed to be making final preparations to enter the war on the side of the allies, Austria, who would be the direct object of her attack, is with her German ally, attempting to inflict such a defeat on Russia that she will be able to divert troops, if necessary, to meet her new foe in the south.

Dispatches from Rome continue somewhat contradictory, but most of them agree that Italy has decided on the side of war, that the German and Austrian ambassadors are preparing to leave Rome, and that the consul generals of those two countries either already have left their posts or will do so soon.

On the other hand, a message coming through Paris says that Austria has submitted new proposals which she hopes will induce Italy to remain neutral. A definite answer is expected from the Italian foreign office before the chamber of deputies meets tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Austrian and German armies continue massed attacks against the Russians, who are attempting to form a new line beyond the river San, both north and south of Polesny and west of the Viatka river in southern Poland.

Austrian and German forces have met with their greatest success north of Przemysl where the German allies have crossed the river and have occupied Seniawa on the eastern bank. They also claim to have captured positions southeast of the former Austrian fortress, while their heavy guns are keeping up a bombardment from the west.

In Southern Poland their progress is not so marked, the Russians having had strong forces concentrated at Ivangorod, which they brought into the field and checked the advance.

It is stated from Petrograd that the Germans and Austrians are using between thirty and forty army corps on the 200 mile front from Opatow, in Poland, to Kolomea in eastern Galicia. East of the latter city in Bukovina, the Russians have broken the Austrian extreme right and are reported again to have occupied Czernowitz, the capital.

The sudden break in the weather in France which had been bright and dry, stopped the fighting Monday, but it has been resumed at several points. Between Arras and the coast and in the Woivre it appears as though the allies have ended and that they are consolidating the ground gained and awaiting German counter-attacks. They are not likely to be idle long, however, as the action must be continued for the purpose of relieving the pressure on the Russians.

Steady progress by the allied troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula is reported although they apparently have not yet captured the Turkish positions which bar their way to the Narrows of the Dardanelles. An unofficial dispatch reports the landing of fresh troops on the Asiatic side of the straits—a move designed doubtless to prevent the Turks from sending any more reinforcements from the eastward to the western side.

COMMENCEMENT AT WAKE FOREST

Dr. Woelfkin, of New York, Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon Before Seniors

ALUMNI ADDRESS TONIGHT

E. F. Aydtlett, Prominent Attorney of Elizabeth City, Succeeds John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, as President Board of Trustees, Former Having Served Two Years

Wake Forest, May 19.—With the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin of New York City before the senior class tonight and with the meeting of the board of trustees of the college in the afternoon the commencement exercises for the graduation of the largest class in the history of Wake Forest College are now on.

Aydtlett is President. Hon. E. F. Aydtlett, a prominent attorney of Elizabeth City, was elected president of the Board of Trustees at the meeting yesterday afternoon. Mr. Aydtlett succeeds Dr. John A. Oates of Fayetteville who having served two terms as president of the Board yesterday declined to stand for re-election. This is the custom long adhered to in the board. There is no rule to the effect, but precedent has made it strong.

Other matters coming before the board were referred to committees which will report at the meeting of the Board today. No indication of what these matters were could be learned last night. The sessions of the board were executive.

Declaring that it was every man's inalienable right to make a personal test of religion, Dr. Woelfkin in his baccalaureate sermon, tonight, made an earnest plea for every individual to make his own verifications until he could say, "One thing I know, the doctrine. The preacher said when the personal test was made there would come a revival in the atmosphere, he could guide the erring, comfort the sorrowing and enjoy the fellowship with the prophets and with God. Woelfkin said that in testing religion, "If any man should do this, he shall know of the doctrine." The preacher said that if you will only put yourself in the attitude of doing the will of God, then you shall know the doctrine. Religion is drawn from the mysterious into the reality when we have faith. Faith is the pioneer. It believes in the integrity of the spiritual world. It is an experiment with God. His answer is experience in the soul.

Any Assurance About God? The preacher began his discourse by asking the question, "Have we any positive assurance about God?" and "Can we certify our religion?" There must be some zone of experimental verification; mere dogmatism will not help. In making the test the speaker asked that it be free from prejudice. That prejudice grew out of the temper of the age, he said. Religion is drawn from the scientific were his assertions. Science was trying to find out exactness and truth. The so-called warfare between science and religion must cease. They are both searchers after truth.

"How was it to begin?" he asked. Dr. Woelfkin said that in testing religion, we must begin with the assumption that Christianity is concrete in the personality of Jesus Christ. The speaker pointed out that Christ's life was unique, in that it was sinless; that His words were the most wonderful ever spoken. The speaker did not think that Jesus was conscious of divinity. He put Himself in that certain attitude toward God. He had the will of God in the will of God. Every time He acted upon it, He felt a spiritual reality.

Test on Faith. Doctor Woelfkin urged that test be made. "The test of religion," he said, "is the test of faith. Faith is something not contrary to reason but for a time above it." Faith is the pioneer. It goes in advance and makes the discovery. It is eloquent words the speaker described the feeling which came to a man who put his faith in God.

"Five minutes alone with God" he said "will give you the knowledge of Him." The test of religion, its verification, is when we put ourselves in the attitude to do God's will. Then it is that "We know the doctrine." The sermon was delivered in the new church building. For the first time the commencement exercises were held in a church. The building was filled to its capacity. The front seats were reserved for the senior class.

It is the first time the baccalaureate sermon ever seemed like a sermon. It is the general talk. Dr. Woelfkin's sermon was a masterful discourse, delivered in a free and easy manner.

RESIGNS AS TRUSTEE

Judge Cook Gives Up Position on Wake Forest Board. (Special to The News and Observer.) Louisburg, May 19.—After serving for more than forty years as a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, and for a long time he was president of the board, Judge Charles M. Cook, of this city, has tendered his resignation to the body, which is in session this week. Judge Cook has been one of the most liberal and loyal supporters of that institution that it has ever had. His official duties on the bench have seriously interfered with his attendance upon the sessions of the board for many years.

ASHVILLE SELECTED. North Carolina Good Roads Association Will Meet There. (Special to The News and Observer.) Asheville, May 19.—Asheville has been selected as the place of holding the 1916 meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, according to announcement made at the office of the Board of Trade yesterday. The meeting will be held sometime during the latter part of June or early in July. The exact date has not yet been named.